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Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister Shri. D K Shivakumar, Hon'ble Home Minister Dr. G Parameshwara and other Cabinet Ministers along with the Hon'ble Chief Minister during the press conference to announce the roll out of five guarantees.

Uchita Prayana

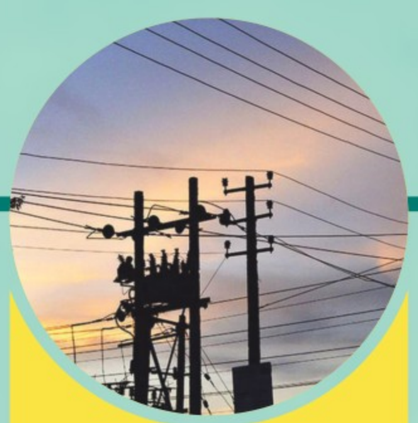
Free bus service for women across Karnataka

Free travel to ALL girl students and women in government buses will come into effect from June 11

Anna Bhagya

10kg Rice Per Person/Month

10 kgs of free rice for every member of BPL and Anthyodaya card families from July 1



Gruha Jyothi

200 Units Free Electricity

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Gruha Lakshmi

₹2000 Per month for Women

Rs 2000 for woman head of all BPL and APL families from August 15

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5 guarantees to be rolled out this year, starting with Shakti

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Bringing an end to speculation over implementation of pre-poll guarantees of the Congress, the State Cabinet on Friday decided to implement all the five guarantees during this financial year, starting with Shakti – the scheme for free bus travel for women – that will be launched on June 11.

The Congress government was under pressure from the Opposition over implementing the guarantees that had received in-principle approval at the first Cabinet meeting on May 20, the day the Chief Minister took oath of office along with nine Ministers, including the Deputy Chief Minister.

As per the post-Cabinet announcement by Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Friday, while Shakti would

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah at a press conference on Friday.

be launched on June 11, the Anna Bhagya scheme of 10 kg free foodgrains per head for BPL and Antyodaya card holder families and the Gruha Jyothi scheme of 200 units of free power would be launched on July 1.

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70 killed in Odisha train accident

- More than 350 injured in accident involving two express and a goods train in Balasore
- The accident, one of the worst in recent times, led to derailment of 17 coaches
- People from villages nearby act as first responders, assist in rescue operations

Satyasundar Barik
BALASORE

At least 70 passengers were feared dead and more than 350 injured in a major rail accident involving two express trains and a goods train in Balasore district of Odisha on Friday evening.

The accident took place at around 7 p.m. when two coaches of 12864 (SMVB-HWH) Yashwantpur-Howrah Express derailed near Bahanaga railway station. The derailed coaches toppled towards the adjoining track and hit the speeding 12841 Coromandal Express coming from the opposite direction. It led to derailment of about 17 coaches.

A goods train was also involved in the accident as some of the coaches of the Coromandel Express hit its wagons after getting derailed, Odisha Chief Secretary P.K. Jena said.

Race against time: Rescue workers searching the wreckage for survivors on Friday. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Railway officials were, however, hesitant to state the exact cause of the accident and were waiting for outcome of initial findings. The toll is likely to go up as disaster response teams and local residents were retrieving bodies from under derailed coaches.

The Coromandel Express, a long-distance train connecting West Bengal with Tamil Nadu had left Shalimar station earlier in the day. Its passengers comprise mostly residents of West Bengal who visit Tamil Nadu either for work or to avail of better healthcare facilities. The accident is being described as one of the worst in recent times. In 2013, the Coramandel Express had met with an accident in Jajpur district of Odisha, about 50 km away from the present accident site. Though the Odisha government had deployed dozens of teams under supervision of over 10 senior Secretaries and a Minister, chaos prevailed at the accident site and at healthcare centres.

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India chases elusive glory in Oval showdown

The World Test Championship final offers Rohit Sharma's team the opportunity to win its first ICC title since 2013. But it is missing key match-winners and faces a formidable Australian side

Arvind Krish Bala

India will be banking on a glorious, relatively dry English summer as well as its recent Test record against Australia to end a 10-year global title drought.

After the Champions Trophy triumph in England in 2013, the team has come close in major ICC tournaments across formats only to flounder, often in the semifinals. But having made the World Test Championship final for the second consecutive cycle, the side will be keen to go one step further than it did in 2021, when it lost to New Zealand in cold, rainy Southampton.

This time, the opponent is formidable Australia but India will enjoy a psychological edge, having beaten the Aussies in four successive Test series, twice at home and twice away.

It must be noted, however, that a one-off Test on neutral territory alters the nature of the contest and presents unique challenges. Teams need to adapt quickly and start strongly because there is less time to work with. A four-match series allows a side that falls behind more opportunities to come back than a solitary Test.

> I think when it comes to a one-off final, it's about how good you are over those five days. How well you start off is extremely important
>
> **RAVI SHASTRI**
> Former India captain and coach

Given the injuries to key Indian players, Australia is the favourite in the WTC final to be played at The Oval from next Wednesday. On paper, it's a complete side, with no obvious weakness.

It has one of the most audacious openers in modern cricketing history, even if he no longer is the force he once was, in David Warner, the silky-punching Usman Khawaja, that frighteningly freakish cricketing spirit called Steve Smith, the method artist in Marnus Labuschagne, the brutal counter-puncher in Travis Head and the towering all-rounder Cameron Green.

Add a proven bowling attack, with pacers Pat Cummins, Mitchell Starc and Josh Hazlewood, who can each win a match in a five-over spell, and veteran off-spinner Nathan Lyon, and you can see why India will have its task cut out.

If there is a deficiency within the Australian squad, it is their minds. There are self-doubts. Allan Border was rock-solid, stubborn. Mark Taylor wore the thinking hat all the time. Steve Waugh put his body and soul on the line for victory. Ricky Ponting led by his brilliant batting. Cummins, in contrast, is admired by his men, as was Tim Paine before him, but neither commands the opposition's awe purely as a skipper. This allows a crafty team like India to creep into the crevices of the Aussie minds and beat them on their own turf repeatedly.

But this final will be played in London, not in Australia. A lot will depend on the conditions. India had the worst of it in the 2021 final after losing the toss under overcast skies on a Rose Bowl pitch that suited the four-man Kiwi pace attack.

As per early forecasts, The Oval could be basking in sunshine for the duration of the game as the summer unfurls in the magical countryside of Britain. The ground has historically favoured batting. Spinners get into the contest later in the Test if it is dry, but the fast-bowlers, unless there is cloud cover, do not receive the same assistance they do at other English venues.

If it is sunny, India can fit both Ravindra Jadeja and R. Ashwin in the XI for the right reasons unlike in 2021. Instead of playing four pacers in seaming conditions against New Zealand, the team management fielded both finger-spinners. Kane Williamson, an astute thinker of the game, played none. To tell the truth, the whole landscape was missed in plain sight.

India did not include Mohammed Siraj and Shardul Thakur, who fashioned the greatest Indian overseas victory in Australia in the absence of the pace spearheads in 2020-21. Both would go on to prove their worth again in the Test series that followed in England.

With Ashwin and Jadeja on a typical Oval surface, India should be able to play the waiting game to perfection and go for the kill when it spots the opportunity. Like B.S. Chandrasekhar did in 1971 to give India its first Test victory on English soil. Fifty years later in 2021, India beat England again at The Oval, thanks to Rohit's first Test century outside India and the four seamers contributing handsomely. Jadeja, the lone spinner, took four wickets in the match.

However, given the fickle English weather, India will again have tricky decisions to make if the conditions are overcast because its squad is nowhere near complete. The injuries to Rishabh Pant and Jasprit Bumrah deprive captain Rohit of two proven match-winners.

Pant's absence has created the biggest gaping hole. It can't be filled now. The possibility of asking K.L. Rahul to keep and bat in the middle-order disappeared with his injury during the IPL. The purists would want K.S. Bharat to have the gloves in English conditions. But India has also picked Ishan Kishan, a pocket dynamo, which suggests that it wants an aggressive option.

India's batters will have to make substantial first-innings runs, something they failed to do in the 2021 final. Considering their recent records in admittedly challenging batting conditions across the world and Pant's absence, you can see why playing both Jadeja and Ashwin to also bolster the batting appears so attractive.

Shubman Gill is coming off a phenomenal IPL season, but can that form transfer to red-ball cricket? Rohit will have good memories of The Oval, but his touch during the IPL was at the other end of the spectrum to Gill's. Cheteshwar Pujara, Virat Kohli and Ajinkya Rahane, for long the bedrock of the batting, have not consistently asserted their supremacy in recent times.

In fact, Rahane only made the team because Shreyas Iyer was injured. His inclusion after being dropped last year raises questions. Was it just his IPL form? What did the selectors make of his Ranji season? Is it merely a stopgap arrangement for a one-off final because of his experience?

There are also other questions regarding the composition of India's playing XI. If it's damp and cloudy, should India pick its lone seam-bowling all-rounder in Shardul instead of Ashwin? Yes. He has won matches for the country with ball and bat, one being The Oval in 2021.

Mohammed Shami will lead the attack, like he did terrifically last time. Siraj is indispensable for his craft, enthusiasm and aggression. But the identity of the third seamer leads to another question. Will it be Umesh Yadav, who had a good Oval Test in 2021, or Jaydev Unadkat, whose left-arm angle, batting doggedness and domestic winning pedigree offer something different?

India certainly has more questions to answer than Australia in the latest iteration of modern Test cricket's biggest rivalry. If Rohit and his men are to get their hands on the championship mace, they will have to come up with convincing answers.

> Historically, the Oval pitch has been a very good batting wicket. It's generally offered something for the fast bowlers on day one, not a lot. But if it starts a little bit dry, it can turn a lot
>
> **RICKY PONTING**
> Former Australia captain

When titans collide

A look at how India and Australia stack up in Tests, head to head

Overall

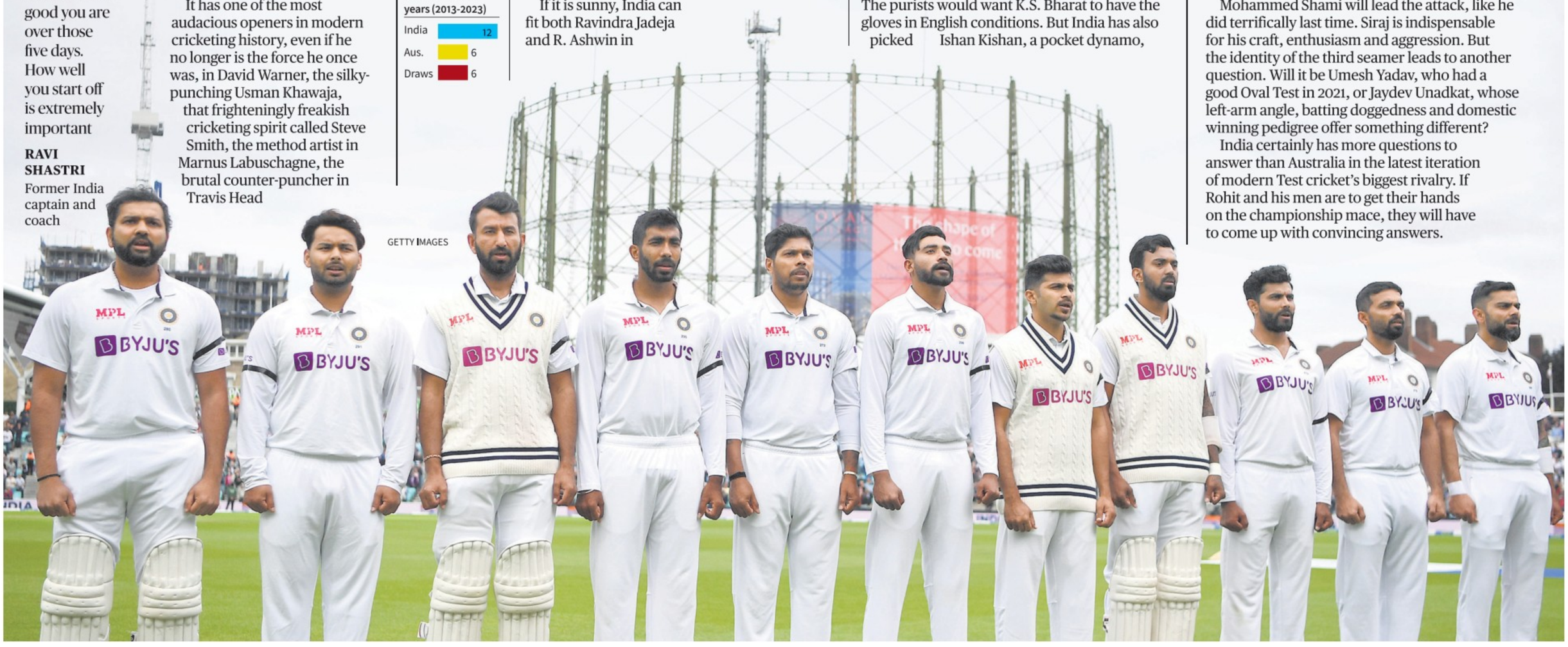
India	32
Aus.	44
Tie	1
Draws	29

Border-Gavaskar Trophy (since 1996)

India	24
Aus.	20
Draws	12

Over the last 10 years (2013-2023)

India	12
Aus.	6
Draws	6



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STACKING UP

ATP Men's Top 15

#	Player	Age	Points	Events
1	Carlos Alcaraz	20	6,815	17
2	Daniil Medvedev	27	6,330	23
3	Novak Djokovic	36	5,955	16
4	Casper Ruud	24	4,960	24
5	Stefanos Tsitsipas	24	4,775	21
6	Holger Rune	20	4,375	26
7	Andrey Rublev	25	4,270	25
8	Taylor Fritz	25	3,470	24
9	Jannik Sinner	21	3,435	21
10	Felix Auger-Aliassime	22	3,100	24
11	Karen Khachanov	27	2,945	22
12	Frances Tiafoe	25	2,790	22
13	Cameron Norrie	27	2,565	23
14	Hubert Hurkacz	26	2,525	23
15	Rafael Nadal	36	2,445	14

Top Indians ▸

Sumit Nagal
Rank 254 ▲ 2 spots

Mukund Sasikumar
Rank 383 ▼ 4 spots

WTA Women's Top 15

#	Player	Age	Points	Events
1	Iga Swiatek	21	8,940	17
2	Aryna Sabalenka	25	7,541	18
3	Jessica Pegula	29	5,205	17
4	Elena Rybakina	23	5,090	21
5	Caroline Garcia	29	5,025	26
6	Coco Gauff	19	4,305	18
7	Ons Jabeur	28	3,541	16
8	Maria Sakkari	27	3,391	23
9	Daria Kasatkina	26	3,275	25
10	Petra Kvitova	33	3,162	16
11	Veronika Kudermetova	26	2,950	22
12	Belinda Bencic	26	2,750	20
13	Barbora Krejcikova	27	2,680	22
14	Beatriz Haddad Maia	26	2,420	24
15	Liudmila Samsonova	24	2,236	21

Top Indians ▸

Ankita Raina
Rank 215 ▼ 3 spots

Karman Thandi
Rank 268 ▼ 3 spots

English Premier League Standings

#	Team	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
1	Man. City	38	28	5	5	94	33	61	89
2	Arsenal	38	26	6	6	88	43	45	84
3	Man. United	38	23	6	9	58	43	15	75
4	Newcastle	38	19	14	5	68	33	35	71
5	Liverpool	38	19	10	9	75	47	28	67
6	Brighton	38	18	8	12	72	53	19	62
7	Aston Villa	38	18	7	13	51	46	5	61
8	Tottenham	38	18	6	14	70	63	7	60
9	Brentford	38	15	14	9	58	46	12	59
10	Fulham	38	15	7	16	55	53	2	52
11	Palace	38	11	12	15	40	49	-9	45
12	Chelsea	38	11	11	16	38	47	-9	44
13	Wolves	38	11	8	19	31	58	-27	41
14	West Ham	38	11	7	20	42	55	-13	40
15	Bournemouth	38	11	6	21	37	71	-34	39
16	Forest	38	9	11	18	38	68	-30	38
17	Everton	38	8	12	18	34	57	-23	36
18	Leicester City	38	9	7	22	51	68	-17	34
19	Leeds United	38	7	10	21	48	78	-30	31
20	Southampton	38	6	7	25	36	73	-37	25

Spanish LaLiga Standings

#	Team	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
1	Barcelona	37	28	4	5	69	18	51	88
2	Real Madrid	37	24	5	8	74	35	39	77
3	Atletico Madrid	37	23	7	7	68	31	37	76
4	Real Sociedad	37	20	8	9	49	34	15	68
5	Villarreal	37	19	6	12	57	38	19	63
6	Real Betis	37	17	8	12	45	40	5	59
7	Osasuna	37	14	8	15	35	41	-6	50
8	Athletic Bilbao	37	14	8	15	46	42	4	50
9	Girona	37	13	10	14	57	53	4	49
10	Rayo Vallecano	37	13	10	14	45	50	-5	49
11	Sevilla	37	13	10	14	46	52	-6	49
12	Real Mallorca	37	13	8	16	34	43	-9	47
13	Cadiz	37	10	11	16	29	52	-23	41
14	Getafe	37	10	11	16	34	45	-11	41
15	Valencia	37	11	8	18	41	44	-3	41
16	Almeria	37	11	7	19	46	62	-16	40
17	Celta Vigo	37	10	10	17	41	52	-11	40
18	Real Valladolid	37	11	6	20	33	63	-30	39
19	Espanyol	37	8	12	17	49	66	-17	36
20	Elche	37	5	9	23	29	66	-37	24

Italian Serie A Standings

#	Team	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
1	Napoli	37	27	6	4	75	28	47	87
2	Lazio	37	21	8	8	58	30	28	71
3	Inter Milan	37	22	3	12	70	42	28	69
4	AC Milan	37	19	10	8	61	42	19	67
5	Atalanta	37	18	7	12	61	46	15	61
6	Roma	37	17	9	11	48	37	11	60
7	Juventus *	37	21	6	10	55	33	22	59
8	Torino	37	14	11	12	42	40	2	53
9	Fiorentina	37	14	11	12	50	42	8	53
10	Monza	37	14	10	13	46	47	-1	52
11	Bologna	37	13	12	12	50	47	3	51
12	Udinese	37	11	13	13	47	47	0	46
13	Sassuolo	37	12	9	16	46	58	-12	45
14	Empoli	37	10	13	14	37	47	-10	43
15	Salernitana	37	9	15	13	48	60	-12	42
16	Lecce	37	8	12	17	31	43	-12	36
17	Spezia	37	6	13	18	30	60	-30	31
18	Verona	37	7	10	20	30	56	-26	31
19	Cremonese	37	4	12	21	34	69	-35	24
20	Sampdoria	37	3	10	24	24	69	-45	19

** Capital gains sanction (10 points)*

German Bundesliga Standings

#	Team	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
1	Bayern	34	21	8	5	92	38	54	71
2	Dortmund	34	22	5	7	83	44	39	71
3	RB Leipzig	34	20	6	8	64	41	23	66
4	Union Berlin	34	18	8	8	51	38	13	62
5	SC Freiburg	34	17	8	9	51	44	7	59
6	Leverkusen	34	14	8	12	57	49	8	50
7	Eint. Frankfurt	34	13	11	10	58	52	6	50
8	Wolfsburg	34	13	10	11	57	48	9	49
9	Mainz	34	12	10	12	54	55	-1	46
10	M'gladbach	34	11	10	13	52	55	-3	43
11	Cologne	34	10	12	12	49	54	-5	42
12	Hoffenheim	34	10	6	18	48	57	-9	36
13	Werder Bremen	34	10	6	18	51	64	-13	36
14	Bochum	34	10	5	19	40	72	-32	35
15	FC Augsburg	34	9	7	18	42	63	-21	34
16	Stuttgart	34	7	12	15	45	57	-12	33
17	Schalke	34	7	10	17	35	71	-36	31
18	Hertha Berlin	34	7	8	19	42	69	-27	29

Test Batting

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Marnus Labuschagne	915	937
2	Kane Williamson	883	919
3	Steve Smith	872	947
4	Joe Root	871	923
5	Babar Azam	862	882
6	Travis Head	853	853
7	Usman Khawaja	815	815
8	Daryl Mitchell	792	800
9	Dimuth Karunaratne	783	783
10	Rishabh Pant	766	801

Test Bowling

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	R. Ashwin	869	904
2	James Anderson	859	903
3	Pat Cummins	841	914
4	Kagiso Rabada	825	902
5	Shaheen Afridi	787	836
6	Ollie Robinson	785	820
7	Jasprit Bumrah	780	835
8	Nathan Lyon	757	774
9	Ravindra Jadeja	753	899
10	Kyle Jamieson	742	836

ODI Batting

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Babar Azam	886	898
2	Rassie van der Dussen	777	796
3	Fakhar Zaman	755	784
4	Imam-ul-Haq	745	815
5	Shubman Gill	738	738
6	David Warner	726	880
7	Harry Tector	722	722
8	Virat Kohli	719	911
9	Quinton de Kock	718	813
10	Rohit Sharma	707	885

ODI Bowling

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Josh Hazlewood	705	733
2	Mohammed Siraj	691	736
3	Mitchell Starc	686	783
4	Matt Henry	667	691
5	Trent Boult	660	775
6	Rashid Khan	659	806
7	Adam Zampa	652	655
8	Mujeeb Ur Rahman	637	712
9	Mohammad Nabi	631	657
10	Shaheen Afridi	630	688

T20I Batting

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Suryakumar Yadav	906	910
2	Mohammad Rizwan	811	875
3	Babar Azam	756	896
4	Aiden Markram	748	796
5	Rilee Rossouw	724	724
6	Muhammad Waseem	716	716
7	Devon Conway	709	831
8	Dawid Malan	705	915
9	Aaron Finch	680	900
10	Jos Buttler	670	674

T20I Bowling

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Rashid Khan	710	816
2	Fazalhaq Farooqi	692	692
3	Josh Hazlewood	690	806
4	Wanindu Hasaranga	686	797
5	Maheesh Theekshana	684	684
6	Adil Rashid	684	746
7	Adam Zampa	678	743
8	Sam Curran	673	688
9	Mujeeb Ur Rahman	668	745
10	Anrich Nortje	667	695

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Redevelopment is extremely important for Indian cities today. Sustainable real estate measures play a crucial role in transforming each city. Future-looking developers have set targets for achieving carbon-neutrality in their operations. They have formulated and implemented changes that help cities tackle their old buildings.

Successful pilot projects, which have provided opportunities to scale up feasible solutions and achieved significant emission reductions, are being replicated across new constructions. Some of these processes have been devised in alignment with the internationally recognised GHG (greenhouse gas) Protocol.

The hope of leading better lives increases with the speed at which the real estate industry adapts to green technology.

Green buildings are the most effective approach to making the effects on environment less harmful. One of the most important starting points for this is identifying land parcels that are synergetic with nature and preserve green cover.

Sustainability

Over the years, real estate developers have committed to sustainable development.

The government has also introduced several schemes to promote sustainability.

One such initiative is the Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency (IREDA).

The IREDA schemes are for subsidising capital for encouragement of energy audits and management schemes, mandatory use of fly ash-based construction material, groundwater and rainwater harvesting and most importantly increased monitoring of air and water pollution.

Many developers have implemented initiatives like use of solar for lighting common areas and streets, solar panels for hot water, waste water treatment plant, wet waste composting, and rain water harvesting, to name a few. These are leading to a noticeable shift in sustainability.

There are many thoughtfully designed projects, which use water-saving construction techniques, flyash in bricks, carbon monoxide monitoring at sites, etc.

The construction of green buildings have numerous advantages – better air quality, enhanced daylight, optimal use of water and electricity, better health and well-being of occupants, enhanced productivity, protection of the ecosystem and buildings that require less maintenance.

Some of the major international organisations that define, classify, and certify green buildings in various nations include LEED (USA), BREEAM (UK), DGNB (Germany), and CASBEF (Japan). IGBC and GRIHA are the pioneers in India who set the standards for green buildings. Many developers are opting for such certifications to obtain creditability.

Light and air

A redeveloped building ensures maximum natural light and ventilation so that occupants use lesser air-conditioning. Renovating our living spaces to align with eco-friendly practices is not just a responsible choice; it is a way to honour our planet.

By incorporating energy-efficient systems, utilising renewable materials, and adopting green technologies, we can create homes that harmonise with nature.

This World Environment Day, let us continue to embrace the transformative power of sustainable renovations, showcasing our commitment to a greener future and inspiring others to follow suit. Together, we can turn every renovation into a celebration of our environment and make a lasting impact for generations to come.

The writer is Chief Managing Director, Arkade Group. With inputs from Subajayanthi Wilson.

Buildings can be made sustainable by adopting topsoil preservation, using locally acquired materials, reusing waste materials like plastic and concrete, and using permeable materials. For water conservation, efficient irrigation systems, with reduced lawn space, stormwater protection and rainwater management methods, have proved successful. All water, except that which comes into human contact, can be recycled and used for flushing and gardening. Plumbing fittings can also help conserve water.

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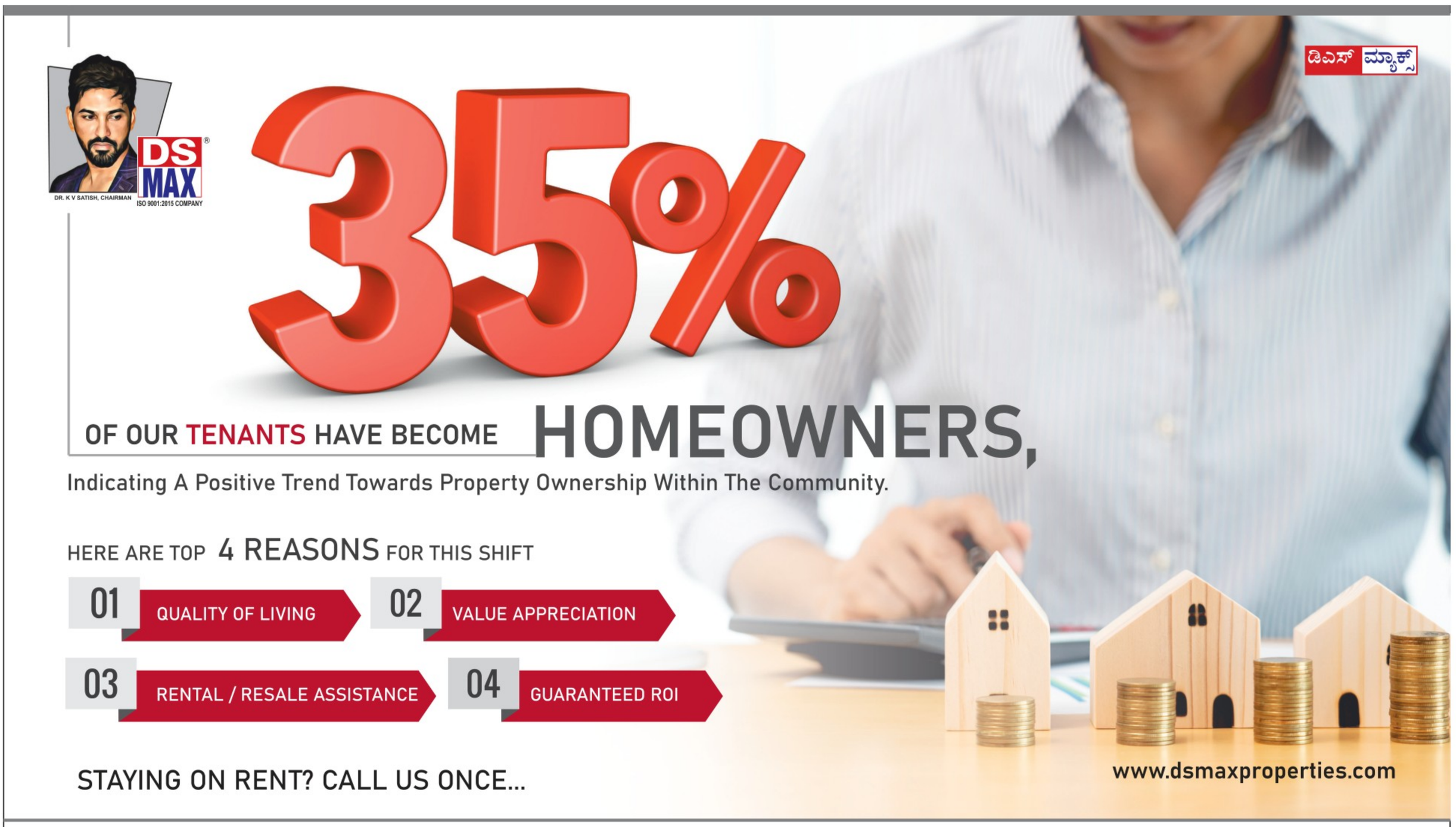

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INBRIEF

Power shutdown in parts of city on June 6

There will be no power supply on Tuesday between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. in the areas serviced from 66/11 kV BTM MUSS in view of carrying out periodical maintenance work.

According to a press notification from BESCOM, HSR layout Division, the affected areas are: Kempamma Layout, Hulimavu, Bagavathi Layout, Begur Classic Layout, Akshayanagar, Yalenahalli, Vishwapriya Layout, Kalena Agrahara, Begur, Arekere, Samrat Layout, BTS Layout, BTM 4th Stage, D C Halli, Sathya Sai Layout, K.C. Halli, Bilekahalli, Anugraha Layout, V.B. Layout, Kuttiyappa Garden, Raghavendra Colony, SBI Layout, Rotary Nagar, G.B. Palya, Kudlu, KSRP 9th Battalion, Bommanahalli (Begur Main Road), and surrounding areas.

Programmes to mark World Bicycle Day today

To mark World Bicycle Day, the Department of Posts is organising a bicycle ride and letter writing competition on Saturday, in association with Namma Nimma Cycle Foundation, an NGO, whose objective is to promote environmental and health advantages of cycling.

According to a release from the office of the Postmaster General, the event will be conducted at Bengaluru GPO, Jayanagar Head Post Office, Basavanagudi Head Post Office and J.P. Nagar Post Office. It will commence at 8 a.m. with Cycle Jatha led by a Postman team leading the students from various educational institutions on bicycles.

Residents in Whitefield spend ₹10,000 per month on water

Multiple apartments in the area are spending anywhere between ₹1 lakh and ₹1.2 lakh per month for water

Shreyas H.S.
BENGALURU

Residents of around three villages in suburban pockets of Whitefield are forced to cough up around ₹10,000 a month to purchase water, as groundwater has depleted drastically. These residents are dependent on borewells.

In the last five months, many villagers have spent nearly ₹50,000, and a large chunk of their earnings is going into arranging water for day-to-day needs. While earlier, their average spending was ₹500 to ₹600 per month, the situation changed after a water supply agent started to transport water to urban areas from these villages.

Water tankers can be seen parked at Ramagondanahalli near Whitefield. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Borewells

In Ramagondanahalli village, Jagadish's weekly spending is ₹2,400. He needs two tankers of water a week. A water tanker of 12,000-litre capacity costs ₹1,200. Mr. Jagadish, speaking to *The Hindu*, said a water supply agent had dug over 25 borewells in these villages to supply 120 to 130 tankers a day to urban pockets.

The water from these wells was being pumped round the clock, owing to which water in borewells located in houses had depleted completely. The residents now could not draw water from these wells and were dependent on tanks supplied by the same agent. The situation was no different in Siddapura and Thubarahalli villages. Mr. Jagadish said the residents had written multiple letters to the Executive Engineer demanding the closure of this agency or to restrict operational hours to help recharge residential borewells, but to no avail. Mr. Jagadish said of the 5,000 houses, only 2,500 houses had Bengaluru Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB) connection and the rest are dependent on their borewells.

Umesh M., a resident from Siddapura village, said villagers here were spending anywhere between ₹6,000 and ₹10,000 depending on their requirements. Unrestricted commercial pumping of water had made villagers depend on water tankers. Mr. Umesh said there were months when he spent ₹15,000. The spending goes up when relatives come home.

Spending up

Meanwhile, on the other side of the story, multiple apartments in the Whitefield area are also spending around ₹1,00,000 to ₹1,20,000 a month to purchase water as apartment agents are supplying 6,000 litres of water for ₹750. On a daily basis, three to four tankers are bought by these apartments.

Rama Narayana Swami, a 70-year-old, said 117 families were living in her apartment and most of them are retired. Every month, each house had to spend ₹1,200 to ₹1,300. This has been the plight for the last three months. Earlier, the apartment was spending ₹30,000 per month.

A resident of another private apartment at Nallurhalli said although they had sustainable water management models, monthly water cost came to about ₹1,00,000. The BWSSB supplied water once a week and they were blaming erratic supply on water shortage. Unless BWSSB found some solution, the spending would remain the same, residents said.

An Assistant Executive Engineer of BWSSB said owing to issues with pump sets, the supply had been erratic. The BWSSB was working to fix the problem and it would be resolved soon, the official added.

Train accident: 994 reserved travellers boarded from Bengaluru

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Following a major rail accident involving two express trains and a goods train in Balasore district of Odisha on Friday evening, officials of the South Western Railways (SWR) said that 994 reserved passengers and around 300 unreserved are estimated to have boarded from Sir M. Visvesvaraya Terminal in the city in Bengaluru-Howrah Superfast Express.

Speaking to *The Hindu*, Chief Public Relations Officer Aneesh Hegde said, "It is learnt that two General Second (GS) coaches and brake van of the train left from Sir M. Visvesvaraya Terminal derailed. As they were unreserved coaches, it will take some time to ascertain the identity of passengers. In the reserved coach, details of passengers including contact number are available in the database, as they are registered during the reservation of the ticket."

CM Siddaramaiah extended his condolences to the victims of the accident on Twitter. Helplines numbers set up by SWR in Bengaluru: 080-22356409, Bangarpet: 08153 255253, Kuppam : 8431403419.

Anganwadi workers in Karnataka facing egg debt burden for four months

Jayanth R.
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Without the release of grants from the government to distribute eggs to pregnant women, new mothers, malnourished and other children, anganawadi workers are facing the burden of debt for four months over payment for eggs. The anganwadi workers have not been paid remuneration for two months and have expressed helplessness in providing eggs to beneficiaries. They are demanding the government to release grants as early as possible.

There are around 65,911 anganwadi centres in the State. Eggs are being provided through anganwadi centres with the aim of providing nutrition to pregnant women, new mothers, and children. Around 6 lakh pregnant women and new mothers and around 40 lakh children are the beneficiaries of the scheme.

Eggs are being provided through anganwadi centres with the aim of providing nutrition to pregnant women, new mothers, and children. FILE PHOTO

Eggs are being given to pregnant women and new mothers six days a week, malnourished children five days a week and normal children two days a week.

According to government rules, the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Zilla Panchayat and the Deputy Director of the Department of Women and Child Development should call the tender and issue the work order to supply eggs to anganwadis. However, officials failed to finalise the tender process in more than 80% of the districts for the financial year of 2022-23.

The Department of Women and Child Development is depositing the grant in the joint account of anganawadi workers and Bal Vikas Samithis of anganwadis. Sometimes, it has deposited the money in advance too. However, due to state assembly elections and other reasons, some districts didn't get the grant since February and some other districts from April. "We bought eggs on credit from grocery stores. For four months, we didn't get any grant from the government. The shopkeepers are asking for money. However, there is a problem with the timely receipt of grants from the government. For two months, we didn't get remuneration. Therefore, we are really helpless in providing eggs for the beneficiaries regularly," said an anganwadi worker in Mandya. Anuradha. K.N., Director, the Directorate of Women and Child Development, said, "The Principal Secretary of our department has conducted a review meeting many times in this regard. Due to technical and other problems, the egg tender process was not finalised. Due to the code of conduct for the Assembly election, the fund was not released. Therefore, we will release the first instalment of grants soon."

The anganwadi workers have not been paid remuneration for two months and have expressed helplessness in providing eggs to beneficiaries

However, S. Varalakshmi, president, Karnataka State Anganwadi Employees' Association, said this is a regular problem. "The officers never plan to release the fund properly. Due to the ending of the 2022-23 financial year and the Assembly election, the government held the grants. Our anganwadi workers are facing a debt burden. We demand that the government should release the grant early."

Journey to Mars

A replica of 'Mars Rover Opportunity' kept on display at Visvesvaraya Industrial & Technological Museum in Bengaluru on Thursday. SUDHAKARA JAIN

Note exchange gang arrested

The Hindu Bureau
BELAGAVI

The police arrested a police constable from Maharashtra and two others on charge of duping people by exchanging ₹2,000 notes with ₹500. The constable has been identified as Sagar Sadashiv Jadhav, 31.

Women writers' association president gets threat letter again

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The president of Karnataka Women Writers' Association and city-based Ayurveda doctor, Dr. Vasundhara Bhupati received yet another threat letter at her residence on Monday.

Based on the complaint, the Basaveshwara Nagar police filed an FIR against an unknown person charging him under Section 507 (criminal intimidation by an anonymous communication). Explaining the contents of the letter in her complaint, Dr. Vasundhara said the accused had threatened her not to associate herself with 61 writers and litterateurs, including S.G. Siddaramaiah, Devanur Mahadeva and Baragur Ramachandrappa. The letter also warned that the "lights of these litterateurs will be snuffed out".

The letter mentioned the names of other writers and their activities, flaying and defaming them. The unnamed letter was signed with "Jai Hindu Rashtra" and "Sahishnu Hindu" in the end.

This is not the first time that Dr. Vasundhara has received a letter with death threats. She has received three such letters earlier, while similar threat letters have also been sent to other writers, she said in her complaint, requesting legal action. Initial probe has revealed that the letter has the seal of Ranebennur post office. Police are trying to get more information on the person who posted the letter.

TH Education Plus career counselling from today

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The 21st edition of The Hindu Education Plus Career Counselling will be held at 10 locations in nine cities across Karnataka from Saturday.

The event will provide guidance to students on the UPSC exam, CET counselling and NEET counselling by Karnataka Examination Authority (KEA) officials, and also career guidance on courses in Arts, Science, Commerce, Law, Fashion Designing, Journalism, Animation, Performing Arts, Management, Engineering, Medicine and many more.

The Hindu Education Plus career counselling - 2023

Place	Date	Venue	Address
Mangaluru	03/06/2023	Geetha S.M. Shetty Hall	Ramakrishna College, Bunts' Hostel Circle, Mangaluru
Jayanagar	03/06/2023	NMKRV Shashwathi Auditorium	22nd Cross, Jayanagar 3rd Block, Bengaluru
Davangere	04/06/2023	GM Institute of Technology	Auditorium Hall, Post Box No.4, P.B. Road, Davangere
Bidar	04/06/2023	Sri Poojya Channabasava Pattadevaru Rang Mandir	Near district stadium, Bidar
Ananda Rao Circle	10/06/2023	Sri Jagadguru Renukacharya College (SJR College)	No: 9 Race Course Road, Ananda Rao Circle, Bengaluru
Hubballi	10/06/2023	K.L.E Society's Biotechnology Auditorium	B.V.B. College of Engineering & Technology Campus, Vidyanagar, Hubballi
Ballari	10/06/2023	Basavarajeshwari Public School & College (BPSC)	Anantapur Road, Ballari
Mysuru	11/06/2023	Vidyavardhaka College of Engineering	P.B. No.206, Gokulam III Stage, Mysuru
Tumakuru	11/06/2023	Birla Auditorium	Siddaganga Institute of Technology, Tumakuru
Kalaburagi	18/06/2023	Poojya Doddappa Appa Sabha Bhavan	Poojya Doddappa Appa Sabha Bhavan, Sharana Basava University, Kalaburagi

Right counselling

The event will provide a platform to connect students and parents with experts and educational institutions. The event also helps students make the right decisions after getting the right counselling and guidance.

Timing for registration is between 9.00 a.m. and 9.30 a.m. The event will be held between 9.30 a.m. and 1 p.m. For details, contact: 9845095781 / 9448160126 / 9448871815. Entry is free. All participating students will get career counselling book free.

The platinum sponsor is Presidency University, Bengaluru. Gold sponsors are Cambridge Institute of Technology, Bengaluru; Ramaiah University of Applied Sciences, Siddaganga Institute Of Technology, Tumakuru; and GITAM Deemed to be University, Bengaluru.

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SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

‘By the time the Olympics come, I will have grown enough to be champion’

Having won a bronze in the World Boxing Championships, Deepak Bhoria says he is working to expand his arsenal so he can fulfil his dream of standing on the top step of the podium in Paris

INTERVIEW

Deepak Bhoria

Y.B. Sarangi

Deepak Bhoria has already got himself a gift for his 26th birthday, which he will celebrate on June 9 next week: a maiden World Boxing Championships medal, bronze in the 51kg weight class.

That performance in Tashkent last month was clearly a gift that kept giving. For, it also stoked the fire in his belly. Following a week’s rest, the gritty boxer rejoined the National camp to resume training for the next two big events – the Hangzhou Asian Games and the Paris Olympics.

The soft-spoken Bhoria, who landed a 49kg silver medal in the 2019 Asian Championships, drew everyone’s attention in 2021 by toppling 2016 Rio Olympics gold medallist and 2019 World champion Shakhobidin Zoirov of Uzbekistan at the Strandja Memorial event.

Following a long injury layoff in 2022, he returned to action in style. The orthodox boxer came out with flying colours on all parameters of the newly introduced assessment and evaluation process for selection of athletes, scoring more points than Worlds silver medallist and Commonwealth Games champion Amit Panghal. The Hisar pugilist followed it up with a series of fine performances – including his upset win over Kazakh title holder Saken Bibossinov, who got a taste of the Army man’s superb left hook, in the round of 32 – in the World Championships to underline his reputation as a giant-killer.

> Since I have faced tough times, and every sportsperson goes through such times, I know it will pass. Positive thinking comes to me naturally

Bhoria, who fought well before losing to eventual silver medallist Billal Bennama of France in the semifinals, has taken heart from his superb showing in Tashkent and is keen to lift his game in order to meet the challenges in Hangzhou and Paris.

In an interview, Bhoria, who contributed to the country’s best-ever showing of three bronze medals by the male boxers in the elite event, spoke about his fabulous performance and what lies ahead. Excerpts:

How do you assess your performance in the World Championships and your stunning victory over another World champion Bibossinov?
Overall, it was a very good event [for me]. I got quality competition after a long time. The bout against Bibossinov went as per my plans, the way I thought it should go.

You were out of action for a long time with an injury. How did you come back?
In January 2022, I had a right shoulder injury. There was some pain but it went unnoticed. It was because of overuse [of the shoulder] during training. It was a difficult time. I did rehab with the physio [Alok]. It was a good experience as I learnt the importance of a physio’s role in an athlete’s career.

Early in your career, you suffered an injury to your right hand. Did that experience of bouncing back help you in 2022?
In 2011, my right hand was injured. So I trained with my left hand. As a result, my left improved a lot. At that time I was a sub-junior boxer and did not have much idea [of injury rehab]. Still I could get out of that problem. I thought since I am an elite boxer now I can get over it easily. I needed to be fully fit before getting back to full training. I had a lot of self-belief and focused on my rehab.

You last competed in the 2021 World Championships (and lost in the first round). Then you straightaway participated in the 2023 edition. How did you make up for the lack of competitive experience?
I had my targets set – to compete in the World Championships and Asian Games in 2023 and the Olympics in 2024. I wanted to be fully fit. If I am fit, I can participate in every event. Otherwise, I cannot compete in any event. After one-and-a-half years, I participated in an event. The way I trained instilled a lot of self-belief. My fitness also gave me confidence.

> After one-and-a-half years, I participated in an event [World Championships]. The way I trained instilled a lot of self-belief. My fitness also gave me confidence

Since the selection process changed and you were assessed over a period of three weeks before the evaluation, did you have any doubts that you might lose out to a more accomplished Amit Panghal?
The evaluation system is really good. I was happy that my performance was being assessed on the basis of my training. After all, what we do in training helps us in the competition. In every weight category there is more than one boxer. My training was good and I had self-belief that I could do well. I never had any doubts.

Some top boxing nations such as Great Britain, the USA and Ireland did not participate in the World Championships (they protested Russian and Belarusian boxers competing under their flags). Do you think their presence would have made it tougher?
In lighter weights, we are better than the boxers from England and other countries. It would not have made any difference.

Since your game will be thoroughly analysed by your opponents, how are you planning to prepare for the upcoming Asian Games (which is an Olympic qualifying event)?
I have gained a lot of confidence after winning the Worlds medal. I will start afresh and work on the areas of improvement for the Asian Games and definitely go to the 2024 Olympics. I have a dream of winning a gold medal in the Olympics. The coaches are teaching us new things, such as how to feint and box. I have competed with Asian boxers, such as [those from] China and Kazakhstan. This will benefit me in the Asian Games and the Olympics as most of the leading countries in my weight are from Asia. We will watch different bouts and plan our sparring accordingly and see what we can add, for example a right hook or an uppercut.

Early in your career you had to go through tough times, primarily due to financial issues. How did you manage to pursue boxing despite the constraints?
I started boxing because I thought it could give me a job, money and fame. I am the only one to pursue sports in my family. My uncle encouraged me. My mother wanted me to study more than do boxing. When I started competing, she became happy. Rajesh Sheoran [my basics coach] helped me a lot. I learnt the sport and its finer points from him. He also supported me in other aspects, including diet and training expenses.

Who is your go-to man when things get tough?
I do all the thinking myself. Since I have faced tough times, and every sportsperson goes through such times, I know it will pass. If I think too much, it will only affect my performance. Positive thinking comes to me naturally.

Having medalled at the World Championships, where do you rank yourself in the run-up to the 2024 Olympics?
By the time the Olympics come, I will have grown enough to become a champion. I will improve day by day and will be No. 1 by the time the Olympics begin.

GAME THEORY

Bundesliga’s season-toppers (attacking end product)

With the 2022-23 season of the German top-flight concluding last weekend, we take a look at the players who scored the most goals and laid on the most assists. RB Leipzig’s Christopher Nkunku, set to move to Chelsea in the summer, shares the top-scoring honours with Werder Bremen’s Niclas Fullkrug. Borussia Dortmund’s Raphael Guerreiro has set up the most goals. Eintracht Frankfurt’s Randal Kolo Muani makes the top three on both lists.

Christopher Nkunku

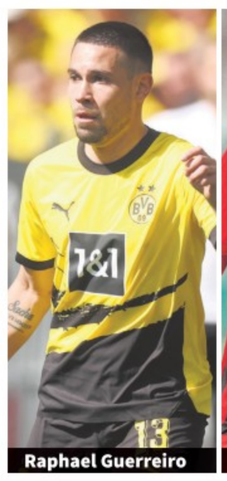
Niclas Fullkrug

MOST GOALS

Player	Club	Appearances	Goals
Christopher Nkunku	Leipzig	25	16
Niclas Fullkrug	Werder Bremen	28	16
Randal Kolo Muani	Eint. Frankfurt	32	15
Vincenzo Grifo	Freiburg	33	15
Serge Gnabry	Bayern	34	14
Marcus Thuram	M.Gladbach	30	13
Andrej Kramaric	Hoffenheim	32	12
Jamal Musiala	Bayern	33	12
Jonas Hofmann	M.Gladbach	31	12
Marvin Ducksch	Werder Bremen	34	12

MOST ASSISTS

Player	Club	Appearances	Assists
Raphael Guerreiro	Dortmund	27	12
Randal Kolo Muani	Eint. Frankfurt	32	11
Florian Kainz	FC Koln	32	10
Jamal Musiala	Bayern	33	10
Alassane Plea	M.Gladbach	29	9
Jonas Hofmann	M.Gladbach	31	9
Angelino	Hoffenheim	33	9
Mitchell Weiser	Werder Bremen	30	9
Dominik Szoboszlai	Leipzig	31	8
Julian Brandt	Dortmund	32	8
Moussa Diaby	Leverkusen	33	8
Patrick Wimmer	Wolfsburg	26	8
Thomas Muller	Bayern	27	8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Misty trails

The 106th edition of the Giro d’Italia was one of the most challenging stage races in recent years.

It was beset by bad weather, with the cyclists having to contend with freezing temperatures and relentless rain. The conditions were especially tricky and dangerous.

With an untimely Covid outbreak affecting the event, the season’s first Grand Tour was a truly miserable experience for the riders.

“I have to get the Giro to Rome,” race director Mauro Vegni told Dutch website sporza during the middle stages, revealing how worried he was about making it to the 21st and final stage.

Fortunately, the peloton did arrive in Rome as scheduled on Sunday, with Slovenian cyclist Primoz Roglic claiming the coveted ‘maglia rosa’ or pink jersey.

The colour pink was reportedly chosen for the winner because La Gazzetta dello Sport, the newspaper that launched the Giro in 1909 to increase its sales, was printed on pink paper.

The idea of holding a multistage bicycle race around Italy was inspired by the publicity and success French publication L’Auto had enjoyed by creating the Tour de France.

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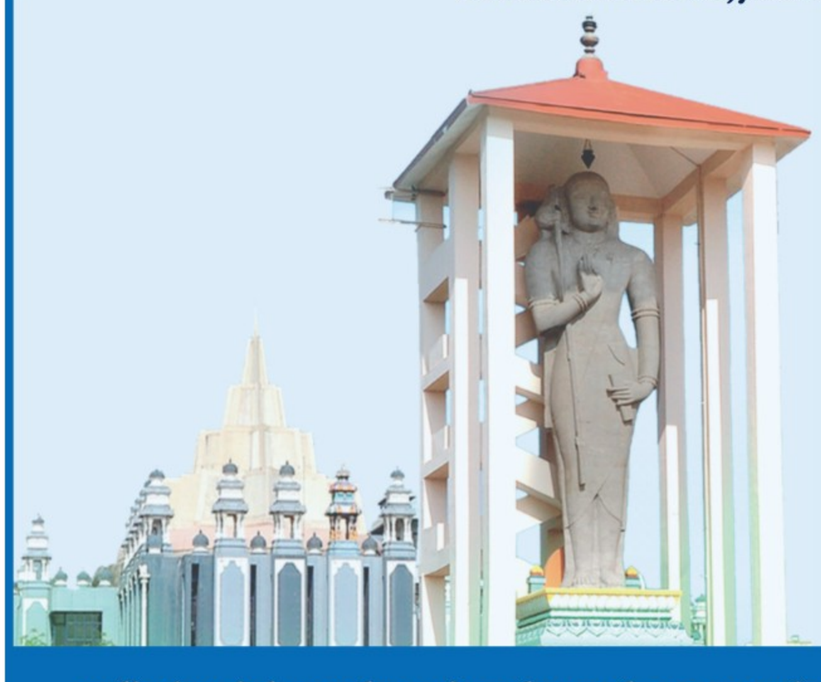

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Free 200 units power: Consumers await clarity

From those who moved into new houses less than a year ago to those in rental units, citizens have many questions

Jahnavi T. R.
BENGALURU

"How will they determine our average power consumption if we moved into a new house just six months ago?" "What if our rental unit was empty up until four months ago, and now, we have new tenants who are consuming many units of electricity?" Many such questions are being asked by consumers after Chief Minister Siddaramaiah announced that the Gruha Jyothi scheme will be implemented from July 1.

The Chief Minister said that the average of the previous 12 months would be considered to determine the average power consumption of consumers, and those who consume up to 200 units per month would be given free electricity. However, there are several ambiguities to which consumers need answers.

Power consumption

- Total number of domestic consumers with Bescom: 97,85,718
- Percentage of the total number of consumers: 73.42%
- Energy sales to domestic consumers: 7,615.86 million units
- Revenue: ₹5,871.50 crore
- Percentage of the total revenue: 27.24%

Energy charges per kWh for domestic consumers of Bescom

0 to 100 units – ₹4.75

If the total consumption exceeds 100 units

0 to >100 units – ₹7

Apartments

Those who have newly moved into houses, especially in apartment complexes, have many doubts. "Our apartment did not have individual meters up until five months ago. We used to share the total cost among the residents. My consumption has not crossed 200 units in the last five months. Now would I be considered or not considered for the government's scheme?" asked Priya M., a resident of Yelahanka.

Other consumers asked what the billing structure would be in case a beneficiary crosses the average limits and the 10% additional exemption limit. "If we use over 230 units, would we be billed for the extra units or for all of 230 units? If we consumed more than 200 units on average in the last year, would we not receive the benefit at all?" asked Shivaraj K., a resident of Malleswaram.

M.G. Prabhakar, a former member of the advisory committee, Karnataka Electricity Regulatory Commission (KERC), said, "Let us say that an owner has ten houses which he has rented out. Would the credit go to the owner or the tenant? These things can lead to disputes in the longer run."

Security deposit

He further said that the announcement also lacks clarity about the adjustment of security deposits, like Fuel Adjustment Costs (FAC) payments among other things.

"There are over 1,92,40,668 domestic consumers in the State, excluding Bhagya Jyothi and Kuteera Jyothi schemes. The electricity supply approved by KERC for these consumers is around 14,089 MU, and its average cost would be around ₹9.12 per unit. They (the government) are in the zone of clarity of perception. They have to think about the budgetary provisions now." When questioned about the various doubts of consumers, Gaurav Gupta, Additional Chief Secretary, Energy Department, said, "The guidelines about the implementation will be issued shortly. If there is any further lacuna, we will clarify those as well after that."

97 lakh consumers

The Bangalore Electricity Supply Company (Bescom), which is the largest electricity supply company (Bescom) in the State, has a total of 97,85,718 domestic consumers. This amounts to ₹5,871.50 crore in revenue which comes to the company.

Under the tariff structure approved by the KERC, the energy charges for domestic consumers are ₹4.75 per unit for zero to 100 units. For instance, a consumer who consumes around 80 units of electricity per month would be saving around ₹380 per month on energy charges alone. For those who consume over 100 units, the energy charges are fixed at ₹7. A consumer who utilises 150 units in a month, would be saving ₹1,050 per month on energy charges.

Father kills twins

The Hindu Bureau
HUBBALLI

A middle-aged man allegedly killed his mentally-challenged children by asphyxiating them in his car and admitted to the act after his arrest on Thursday.

The incident happened on Wednesday near Chalageri in Haveri district. The accused, Amar Kittur, is from Davangere. He worked as a chemical engineer.

His wife Jayalaxmi had gone to her native when he carried out the act. He reportedly took the twins, in his car to the national highway toll gate near Chalageri where he killed the children. After his arrest on Thursday, he allegedly confessed before the police that he was fed up with the tantrum of his sons.

'Free bus travel for women: Mechanism for empowerment'

Darshan Devaiah B.P.
BENGALURU

The announcement of the much-awaited 'Shakti' – scheme for free travel for women – by Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Friday (June 2) evoked positive responses from citizen activists who say the scheme will be a powerful mechanism for the social and economic empowerment of women.

A senior KSRTC official told *The Hindu*, "Women passengers can travel for free in 94% of buses across the State. However, they can not travel free of cost outside the State."

The officials had submitted a report to the Chief Minister with four options. It noted that the RTCs have to spend ₹4,220 crore annually to implement the scheme, induct 4,028 new buses, and recruit 13,793 crew. They also said since the daily ridership may increase by at least 10% after the scheme is implemented, the bus fleet and staff have to be increased to provide good service.

Shakti scheme

Scheme will be launched on June 11 across Karnataka	RTCs have to spend ₹4,220 crore annually	They have to recruit 13,793 crew members	4,028 new buses needed

Scheme available in following RTC buses

- City service, including BMTC buses
- Ordinary buses
- Express buses

Scheme not available in following RTC buses

- Airavat
- Rajahamsa Executive
- Ambari
- Electric bus EV Power Plus
- AC and non-AC sleeper buses
- Airport AC buses

Access to many rights

The announcement was welcomed by various civic and public transport activists who said that the scheme would benefit working women and improve the female labour force in the State.

Bengaluru Bus Prayanikara Vedike (BBPV) said the scheme will enable more women and the transgender community to access their right to education, right to livelihoods and increase their participation in the economy. Vinay K. Sreenivasa, a member of BBPV, said, "Since the past two years, we have been advocating for free fares for women, students, the transgender community and senior citizens. The government's decision to implement free fares for women, including students and the transgender community, is a welcome move. They will now also have greater choices in accessing education and jobs, as they need not be constrained by the expense on transport."

"As is evidenced from the Tamil Nadu Planning Board study, this scheme will enable households from marginalised communities to save more, enabling them to spend the savings on pressing needs like food and education," he added.

Activists speak

Srinivas Alavilli, a citizen activist and Fellow at WRI India, said that the scheme would be a powerful mechanism for the social and economic empowerment of women.

"Public investment in this scheme can be seen as a fight against climate change as more women are likely to switch to public transport. A few more points that the government can consider are, providing funds for procuring additional buses, issuing ₹0 tickets in consultation with BMLTA to understand the impact of the scheme better," he said, adding that the government should consider allowing women to pay for their tickets if they wish to similar to Delhi.

Activist Tara Krishnaswamy, said, "This scheme will allow women to secure jobs since many women tend to work in informal sectors. This does not just benefit women alone as they earn more and spend more on household."

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BENGALURU

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'Extend Yuva Nidhi scheme for all unemployed youth'

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Various student organisations lauded the State government's 'Yuva Nidhi' scheme to provide an unemployment allowance, but also demanded that the government extend the scheme for all unemployed youth.

Vasudeva Reddy, leader of the Students Federation of India (SFI), said, "Providing unemployment allowance was a decade-old demand of our organisation. "

"Owing to the bad governance of the Centre, unscientific note ban, and COVID-19 lockdown, the unemployment rate is the highest in the country now. The government failed to create job opportunities. Graduates are unable to pay the fees of any competitive exams and unable to purchase books and other things. Yuva Nidhi will be helpful for all the graduates, and it should be extended across the country," he added.

Ajay Kamath, State secretary of All India Democratic Students Organisation (AIDSO) said, "Congress had promised to give a monthly allowance to all unemployed youth. But now, it has restricted it to the degree/diploma students who have passed only this academic year. We urge the government to fulfil its promise to provide the allowance to all the unemployed youth of the State. This is in the backdrop of unemployment reaching its worst post independent India."

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O.S. No. 25916/2020
BETWEEN :
ICICI Bank Ltd., ...Plaintiff
AND
Mr. Nallapaneni Pavan
...Defendant
SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT
Mr. Nallapaneni Pavan
S/o Mrs. Ramadevi,
Aged about 30 years
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Whereas, the Plaint is filed by the Plaintiff Bank, against the Defendant seeking Judgment and Decree for recovery of loan amount of Rs.5,39,017.56 (Rupees Five Lakhs Thirty Nine Thousand and Seventeen and Paise Fifty Six Only) together with interest at the rate of 21% P.A. from the date of filing of the Suit to till the date of decree.
Hence, the Defendants hereby gave this notice to appear before the Court on 28/06/23 At 11:00 AM either personally or through their Counsel to answer to the Plaint failing which, the case will be heard and decided ex-parte.
Given under my hand and the seal of the court this the 17th day of April, 2023.
By Order of the Court
Deputy Registrar,
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Mayohall Unit, Bangalore
Plaintiff Counsel
M.G.C. & Co.,
Advocate and Solicitors,
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IN THE COURT OF THE HON'BLE PRL. CIVIL JUDGE AND J.M.F.C AT MYSURU
ORIGINAL SUIT NO. 687 OF 2020
BETWEEN :
ICICI Bank Ltd.,
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S/o Gangadharappa.
Aged about 33 years
...PLAINTIFF
And :
Mr. Lokesh Polamarasetti
...DEFENDANT
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To,
Defendant :
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S/o Somaraju Polamarasetti
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Given under my hand and seal of the court on this **30th** day of **May, 2023.**
By order of the Court,
PRL. CIVIL JUDGE AND MYSURU
Advocate for Plaintiff
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Five guarantees to cost ₹60,000 crore annually

Gruha Lakshmi scheme is estimated to cost around ₹39,000 crore. Guidelines for implementing schemes expected to be released shortly; each of them to be launched at public functions

Sharath S. Srivatsa
BENGALURU

The five guarantees given by the Congress, which are to be implemented in phases starting from June 11 with the launch of Shakti scheme, are expected to cost around ₹60,000 crore annually, and the guidelines for implementing the schemes are expected to be released shortly. Each of the scheme launch at public functions is expected to be a big fanfare event.

The cost break-up

While Chief Minister Siddaramaiah refused to divulge the cost of implementing the schemes, government sources aware of the developments said the cost could be around ₹60,000 crore with Gruha Lakshmi scheme, in which a monthly incentive of ₹2,000 will be given to women *kartha*, alone estimated to cost ₹39,000 crore a year as women from both APL and BPL families are eligible to seek benefits. "The financial incentive for women is expected to be a game changer in the BPL families, providing them a huge relief," a senior Cabinet Minister said.

The Anna Bhagya scheme, which has doubled the quota of foodgrains from 5 kg to 10 kg per head in families holding BPL and Antyodaya cards, is estimated to cost ₹9,800 crore annually. According to sources, the Yuva Nidhi unemployment benefit scheme for fresh graduates and diploma holders is estimated to cost about ₹1,274 crore per year that has been calculated on the basis of around 4.7 lakh graduates and about 50,000 diploma holders passing in 2022-2023 academic year. The Shakti scheme has been calculated to cost around ₹4,800 crore annually.

While the Energy Department estimated that the Gruha Jyothi scheme for APL and BPL families if both fixed meter charges and consumption is considered could be around ₹12,000 crore, the consumption alone would come to around ₹8,700 crore. The Gruha Jyothi scheme sticks to free 200 units of power, which is being implemented now.

In Karnataka, 89% of the domestic power consumption consumed an average of 53 units monthly, another senior Minister pointed out. "The 12-month average plus 10% has been given to prevent misuse," the Minister said. Another source said that those exceeding 200 units of consumption will have to pay the full bill and those families exceeding their average plus 10% but remain within the 200 units band will have to pay the difference between the actual consumed and the calculated average plus 10%.

How much will be saved

"As per a calculation, a BPL family getting most of the benefits could end up saving between ₹8,000 and ₹10,000 a month. The money will come back to the economy," sources said, adding that the full-fledged Budget in July would provide more accurate estimates.

"The previous BJP government has taken a vote of account till June."

Briefing: Chief Minister Siddaramaiah along with Ministers addressing a press conference at the Vidhana Soudha in Bengaluru on Friday.

Bus travel free for my wife too, says CM

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah was in his element during the post-Cabinet briefing, peppering the otherwise serious programme with several lighter moments.

To a question on the eligibility criteria for women to avail of free travel facility in State-run transport corporation buses, he said, "It is free to all; free for my wife too."

Mr. Siddaramaiah also had a slip-of-the-tongue moment when he said women could travel free in Rajahamsa services too. When Transport Minister Ramalinga Reddy reminded him that it was not free, the Chief Minister was quick to recover and told his Cabinet colleague that Rajahamsa too might as well be included.

What the five guarantees mean and who is eligible

A ready reckoner on the schemes announced after the Cabinet meeting

SHAKTI

Starting June 11, women will be eligible for free travel within Karnataka in buses operated by State-run road transport corporations (RTCs). However, free travel does not apply to air-conditioned/luxury and sleeper buses. Chief Minister Siddaramaiah said that women would be able to utilise 94% of the bus services operated by the RTCs. He also said that while free travel had been extended to women, men would have priority in 50% of the reserved seats. "In the rest of the seats, if there are not enough women takers, such seats will be given to male passengers."

ANNA BHAGYA

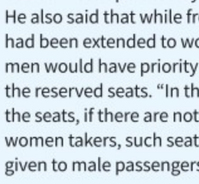
As much as 10 kg of foodgrains will be provided to each member of a family holding BPL or Antyodaya card from July 1. "We were giving 7 kg that had been reduced to 5 kg by the previous BJP government. Since foodgrains have been dispatched already and there is not enough stock, the implementation of Anna Bhagya will be done from July 1," said the Chief Minister. He said the State government would look at procuring an additional quantum of foodgrains from FCI/NAFED/NCCF or from the Central pool.

GRUHA JYOTHI

The 200 units of free power to households will kick in from July 1 but will be reflected in the bills that the power consumers will receive in August. The Chief Minister said that a 12-month average will be calculated to arrive at free units that the families will receive, as many families are utilising less than 200 units. Over and above the 12-month average, 10% additional free units of power will be given. "Arrears that are there till July 1 has to be borne by the power consumer and the government will not pay for it," he said.

YUVA NIDHI

Those graduating in the academic year 2022–2023 will be eligible to receive ₹3,000 a month as unemployment benefit if they do not find employment within 180 days of graduating. The unemployment benefit will be paid for 24 months, and this includes those graduating from professional courses. Those passing diploma courses will get ₹1,500 a month. The Chief Minister said that such graduates seeking benefits would have to declare that they were unemployed. "About 4 lakh students graduated last year and I am sure more will graduate this year." He, however, did not elaborate on the application process and a time frame for this guarantee.



GRUHA LAKSHMI

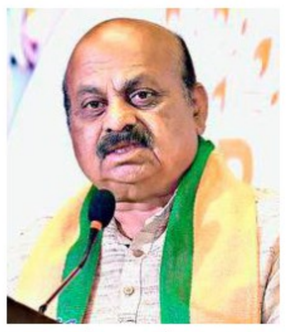
Registration for the much-awaited monthly financial assistance of ₹2,000 to women heads of families will commence on June 15 and the window will be open till July 15. Registration can be done both online and offline. The financial assistance scheme will be rolled out on Independence Day. The scheme is open for women from both APL and BPL families, and women aged above 18 are eligible. The Chief Minister said the government had decided to allow the families to decide on the 'woman kartha'" of a family. 'Women karthas' currently receiving social security pensions such as old age pension, widow pension, and physically challenged pension will also be eligible to get ₹2,000 over and above the pension that they are already receiving. "The delay is due to technical problems since bank account numbers and Aadhaar numbers, among other documents, have to be received and they have to be linked."

There is gap between promise and delivery, says Opposition

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Former Chief Ministers Basavaraj Bommai (BJP) and H.D. Kumaraswamy (JD-S) have said that there is a difference between what was promised by the Congress before the election and what the government announced on Friday.

Addressing a press conference soon after the government announced a timeline for the delivery of 'guarantees', Mr. Bommai took exception to the government's announcement of providing free electricity based on the average consumption of a household rather than for up to 200 units as promised.



Basavaraj Bommai

He also said that there was no clarity as to whether other foodgrains provided through PDS, such as jowar and ragi, would be continued and whether it would only be five additional kgs of rice. On Gruha Lakshmi scheme, he said the government was buying time till August 15.

Mr. Bommai said the government should not push the State to financial insecurity in the process of implementing these schemes and should not also discontinue the earlier schemes.

Responding in a similar vein, Mr. Kumaraswamy said that the promises made were bigger than what had now been delivered, with multiple conditions. "People will teach them a lesson for imposing so many conditions," he said.

From Page One

Five guarantees to be rolled out this year, starting with Shakti

While the window of registration for ₹2,000 monthly incentive under Gruha Lakshmi would be launched on June 15, the government will start transferring the money from August 15 on the occasion of Independence Day. Though the broader contours of Yuva Nidhi, the unemployment benefits scheme, were announced, no time frame has been fixed for application.

"All the five guarantees will be implemented this financial year. We will reach our guarantees to persons of all castes, communities, and linguistic groups in Karnataka," Mr. Siddaramaiah said at a post-Cabinet briefing here on Friday. He was accompanied by Deputy Chief Minister and KPCC president D.K. Shivakumar and a host of Cabinet colleagues. The Chief Minister said: "The government has taken utmost care to avoid misuse of facilities being extended and the misuse of funds while implementing these five guarantees for the benefit of poor and middle class."

'BJP has no moral right'

When his attention was drawn towards criticism from the Opposition over the delay in implementing the guarantees, Mr. Siddaramaiah said: "We implemented 158 promises out of 165 made in the previous term. The BJP did not honour even half of 600 promises made. What moral right do they have to ask?"

Asked about the total expenditure for implementing the five guarantees, the Chief Minister was non-committal; he simply said: "I will speak about the details and cost later."

Defer trial against Murugha Mutt seer till July 1, High Court directs trial court

FROM THE COURT

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The High Court of Karnataka on Friday directed the trial court in Chitradurga to defer till July 1 the trial against Shivamurthy Murugha Sharanaru, head of Jagadguru Murugharajendra Brihan Mutt, Chitradurga, in the criminal case for sexually assaulting minor girls.

However, the High Court clarified that it had not stayed the trial but only asked the trial court to defer further proceedings against the petitioner till it examined the legality of inclusion of certain charges against the accused-seer in the charge sheet along with provisions of the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act.

Justice M. Nagaprasanna passed the interim order on a petition filed by the seer challenging the legality of the charge sheet filed against him.

Senior advocate C.V. Nagesh, appearing for the seer, pointed out that the trial court was continuing proceedings against the mutt head even under the provisions of the Religious Institutions (Prevention of Misuse) Act, 1988.

'Abuse of process of law'

Mr. Nagesh said that continuing proceedings under the provisions under the 1988 Act was "abuse of process of law" as the High Court, in its May 22 judgment, held that the 1988 Act was not applicable to the case against the seer.

The High Court had also set aside the December 15, 2022, order passed under Section 8(2) of the 1988 Act by the trial court restraining the seer from discharging the duties of the mutt and its educational institutions till the conclusion of trial, he pointed out.

When Act was enacted

The High Court had clearly held that the 1988 Act was not applicable as this law was enacted during height of terrorism and misuse of the Golden Temple in Amritsar by anti-social elements, to prevent misuse of religious institutions for acts like terrorism and other nefarious activities, argued Mr. Nagesh.

After hearing the preliminary arguments of Mr. Nagesh, the High Court said that it had to examine legality of inclusion of charges under the 1988 Act, provisions of the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities Act), and Section 201 (Causing disappearance of evidence of offence, or giving false information to screen offender) of the Indian Penal Code. The High Court adjourned further hearing till June 21 as the State public prosecutor sought time to file objections to the petition.

Four IAS officers given concurrent charge

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The State government on Friday issued a notification giving concurrent charge to four IAS officers.

Rajendra Kumar Kataria, Principal Secretary to the government, Bengaluru, has been given the post of Principal Secretary, Horticulture and Sericulture Departments, until further orders.

Pankaj Kumar Pandey, managing director of Karnataka Power Transmission Corporation Ltd., has been given the concurrent charge of the post of Secretary, Commerce and Industries Department (MSME and Mines), Bengaluru, until further orders. Mr. Pandey has also been given the charge of managing director of Karnataka Power Corporation Ltd., Bengaluru, with immediate effect.

Manjula N., Secretary, Department of Women and Child Development and Empowerment of Differently Abled and Senior Citizens, Bengaluru, has been given the concurrent charge of Secretary, Kannada and Culture Department, until further orders.

Similarly, managing director of the Karnataka Urban Water and Drainage Board Sharat B. has been given the concurrent charge of the post of Commissioner, Agriculture Department, Bengaluru, until further orders.

Ankita Pustaka endowment award

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Kannada Sahitya Parishat has selected Ravindra Pustakalya, Sagar, Shivamogga district, and Chanda Pustaka from Bengaluru for the annual Ankita Pustaka endowment award for 2022 and 2023, respectively.

The award carries a purse of ₹35,000 and a citation. The award is given every year to the best publishing house in Karnataka.

Governor unveils Koppal varsity logo

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot on Friday unveiled the logo of Koppal University.

According to an official release, the logo was unveiled at Raj Bhavan in presence of B.K. Ravi,Vice-Chancellor of Koppal University; Ashok Alur, Vice-Chancellor of Kodagu University; Deshpande, Vice-Chancellor of Bagalkot University; Gangadhar, Vice-Chancellor of Chamarajanagar University; Biradar, Vice-Chancellor of Bidar University; Tharanath, Vice-Chancellor of Hassan University, and Suresh H. Jangam Shetti, Vice-Chancellor of Haveri University.

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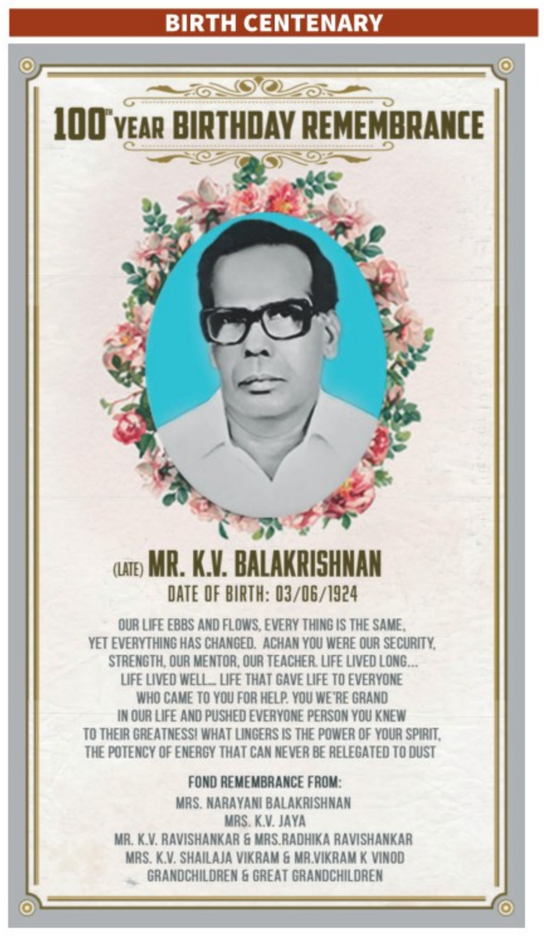

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Madras High Court confirms life sentence in Gokulraj murder case

Justices M.S. Ramesh and N. Anand Venkatesh say this is a case which brings out the dark side of human behaviour and focuses attention on the ugly facets of society, bigotry and inhuman treatment of people belonging to marginalised sections

Mohamed Imranullah S.
CHENNAI

FROM THE COURT

Confirming the life sentence (till death) awarded to S. Yuvaraj, a caste outfit leader, and seven others for beheading Scheduled Caste youth V. Gokulraj in 2015, the Madras High Court on Friday said, "This is a case which brings out the dark side of human behaviour. It focuses our attention on the ugly facets of our society: the caste system, bigotry, inhuman treatment of persons belonging to the marginalised section, *et al*."

Justices M.S. Ramesh and N. Anand Venkatesh went on to write, "Cases like this are textbook examples of how the criminal justice system can be easily manipulated and won over by witnesses who suborn at the drop of a hat."

"This has virtually become the norm in high-profile cases with the added pressure of the press and the social media and the technical challenges in proving a large body of electronic evidence."

The Bench said, "These factors undoubtedly cast an additional burden on the judges who are tasked with the duty of deciding such cases. Despite such pressures, the judges must rise to meet these challenges and ultimately render justice within the parameters of the law." With this prelude, it went on to confirm the conviction on the basis of a strong chain of circumstantial evidence.

According to the prosecution, the prime accused, Yuvaraj of Maaveeran Dheeran Chinnamalai Gounder Peravai, and his accomplices had no prior acquaintance with Gokulraj. The assailants saw him for the first time, along with a woman belonging to the Kongu Vellalar community, at the Ardhanareeswarar Temple, Tiruchengode, on June 23, 2015. They suspected them to be in love with each other and therefore killed him by the end of the day.

Holding that the prosecution had clearly proved the motive behind the crime by establishing that Yuvaraj was a fanatic who had delivered public speeches against inter-caste marriages, the judges said, "While assessing evidence of this nature, judges are not expected to make their assessments sitting in ivory towers. It is imperative that the judge must be aware of the ground realities and take judicial notice of what is happening around them."

They went on to state that the gruesome murder had been executed in a well orchestrated manner by abducting the victim from the temple and forcing him to sign a suicide note before reaching a rail track where his head was severed and the torso was laid on the middle of the track to make it appear as a suicide. The judges said the evidence of the doctors established that the death was due to homicide and not suicide.

Authoring the verdict, Justice Venkatesh said Yuvaraj absconded for nearly 100 days after the crime, but was attempting to divert the course of investigation through media interviews.

(Assistance for overcoming suicidal thoughts is available on the State's health helpline 104, Tele-MANAS 14416, and Sneha's suicide prevention helpline 044-24640050)

KCR kicks off 10th Telangana formation day celebrations

The Hindu Bureau
HYDERABAD

The 21-day long celebrations of the 10th Telangana formation day kicked off with President Droupadi Murmu and Prime Minister Narendra Modi greeting the people on the occasion. Governor Tamilisai Soundararajan and Chief Minister K. Chandrasekhar Rao separately hoisted the national flag here on Friday.

Mr. Rao launched the celebrations at an impressive meeting organised on the Secretariat premises.

Mr. Rao delivered a 90-minute address during which he said that the government started its journey with the slogan "create wealth and distribute it among the people" and the State was now going through a golden era in welfare schemes.

WEATHERWATCH

Rainfall, temperature & air quality in select metros yesterday

TEMPERATURE DATA: IMD, POLLUTION DATA: CPCB, MAP: INSAT/IMD (TAKEN AT 19.00 HRS)

Forecast for Saturday: Heavy rainfall likely at isolated places over Kerala and Andaman & Nicobar Islands. Thunderstorm with lightning/gusty winds likely at isolated places over Assam, Meghalaya, Manipur, Tripura, central Maharashtra, Telangana, coastal Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Puducherry, Karaikal, Mahe and Lakshadweep

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	—	38.2	28.3	Kozhikode	7	36.0	26.6
Ahmedabad	—	39.0	28.7	Kurnool	0.4	41.5	28.1
Aizawl	—	35.2	22.4	Lucknow	—	38.0	25.3
Allahabad	—	42.0	25.2	Madurai	—	37.8	26.6
Bengaluru	—	—	—	Mangaluru	—	35.0	25.6
Bhopal	—	—	26.4	Mumbai	—	34.5	27.0
Bhubaneswar	—	41.6	28.9	Mysuru	—	—	—
Chandigarh	2	32.5	21.2	New Delhi	0.2	34.5	20.8
Chennai	—	42.4	29.1	Patna	—	41.9	27.2
Coimbatore	—	35.8	24.8	Port Blair	0.8	33.1	26.2
Dehradun	0.2	32.5	20.2	Puducherry	—	39.0	28.8
Gangtok	4	24.7	16.6	Pune	12.4	36.6	19.6
Goa	—	35.0	26.0	Raipur	—	43.0	28.6
Guwahati	—	37.8	23.6	Ranchi	—	39.4	24.8
Hubballi	—	36.0	23.0	Shillong	38	28.0	17.4
Hyderabad	—	40.8	28.4	Shimla	3	18.2	9.9
Imphal	—	31.9	21.8	Srinagar	3	22.3	9.8
Jaipur	—	35.5	24.2	Thiruvananthapuram	3	33.8	26.4
Kochi	—	32.4	26.8	Tiruchi	—	37.9	28.0
Kohima	—	27.8	18.0	Vijayawada	—	41.4	28.6
Kolkata	—	39.7	30.0	Visakhapatnam	—	36.0	29.2

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

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Chennai	...4	..91	118	...147	86	
Delhi	...8	..35	.28	...270	...159	
Hyderabad	.34	..47	149	93	...130	
Kolkata	...4	..14	.27	...107	...108	
Lucknow	.10	..24	.28	...105	...124	
Mumbai	.37	103	..—	53	63	
Pune	120	175	115	75	67	
Visakhapatnam	.16	..52	.30	...153	...147	

Yesterday

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Byrnihat, Assam recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 259 indicating an unhealthy level of pollution. In contrast, Mandikhera, Haryana recorded a healthy AQI score of 26

Air Quality Code: Poor | Moderate | Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO_2: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO_2: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

Six arrested for 'moral policing' on Someshwara beach

A view of Someshwara Beach near Ullal in Mangaluru. FILE PHOTO

The Hindu Bureau
MANGALURU

The Mangaluru city police have arrested six persons in connection with the 'moral policing' incident on Someshwara beach, near Ullal, on the outskirts of the city on Thursday.

The police gave the names of the arrested persons as Yatish and Bhavish, both residents of Bastipadpu; and Sachin, Suhen, Akhil and Jeetu, all residents of Talapady. In addition, a case has been registered against a minor boy involved in the assault under Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection) Act, 2015.

The police said three boys and three girls were at the Someshwara beach. Around 7.30 p.m., a group of about 10 persons questioned the three boys, belonging to a particular religion, for being with the girls of other faith. All the students were from Kerala. After asking for their names, the group began assaulting the boys. The 112 Emergency Response Support System vehicle of the police, which got wind of the incident, rushed to the spot. The three injured boys were admitted to a nearby hospital at Deralakatte for treatment. Following their complaint against unknown persons, the city police formed three teams to look for the people allegedly involved in the incident.

Police Commissioner Kuldeep Kumar R. Jain said a case for offences of rioting (Sections 143, 145, 146 of Indian Penal Code) and attempt to murder (Section 307 of IPC) has been registered.

Though the injuries sustained by the three boys were grievous in nature, they were out of danger and have been discharged from the hospital. More persons will be arrested, Mr. Jain said.

This 'moral policing' incident at Someshwar beach is the first to be reported in Mangaluru since the new Congress government came to power, which has said it will show 'zero tolerance' to such activities.

Tusker attacks KSRTC bus near Gundya

The Hindu Bureau
MANGALURU

The damage caused to the bus near Gundya in Dakshina Kannada district. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Passengers of a non-AC sleeper bus of Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation (KSRTC) had a providential escape when a wild tusker attacked the bus near Gundya in Dakshina Kannada district on Thursday night.

The service, Puttur-Bengaluru via Kukke Subrahmanya and Gundya had crossed Subrahmanya and was moving towards Gundya when the incident occurred around 11 p.m. near Anila Manibanda. KSRTC Puttur Divisional Controller Jayakar Shetty recalled the driver's account and said the elephant was standing on the flanks of the road while he attempted to pass through.

Suddenly it charged towards the bus and hit the vehicle on its left side with its trunk and tusks. Bus body was extensively damaged including the lower and upper window panes. Fortunately none of the passengers was injured, Mr. Shetty said.

Subrahmanya Range Forest Officer H.P. Raghavendra told *The Hindu* that he rushed to the spot soon after receiving the information. The driver, after escaping from the pachyderm, had stopped the bus after about one kilometre and informed his superiors and Forest Department officials. The corporation arranged an alternative coach to facilitate the onward journey of passengers, Mr. Raghavendra said.

The RFO said the wild elephant was seen frequently in the vicinity. About two hours before the incident, he had seen the animal on the roadside forest while returning to Subrahmanya. He along with the personnel stayed there for about 30 minutes and cautioned motorists about the presence of the tusker.

Traffic was said to be normal when the incident occurred, Mr. Raghavendra said, adding that the KSRTC driver too attempted to pass through the stretch. There was mist too. The driver would not have anticipated the pachyderm would charge, he said.

Night patrolling

Asked about night patrolling by the Forest Department, Mr. Raghavendra the personnel do night patrolling covering all major roads passing through the forest range that has 33,000 hectares of jurisdiction.

"With one jeep we patrol the range to check poaching and other illegal activities and also attend complaints on presence of wile elephants." At times when the personnel encounter wild elephants, they drive the animals away as far as possible, he added.

'Worker admits to setting train on fire'

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Good and bad

India needs to harness the benefits of AI while avoiding adverse effects

Generative artificial intelligence (AI) is AI that can create new data. There are many instances of generative AI in the world today, most commonly used to generate text, images, and code in response to users' requests, even if they are capable of more. Their widespread adoption really embellished their capabilities, leading to awe, then worry. OpenAI's ChatGPT chatbot mimics intelligence very well; today, it has become synonymous with the abilities of generative AI at large. In the last few years, AI models backed by neural networks trained on very large datasets and with access to sufficient computing power have been used to do good, such as finding new antibiotics and alloys, for clever entertainment and cultural activities, and for many banal tasks, but it has caught attention most notably with its ability to falsify data. The world is past being able to reliably differentiate between data that faithfully reflects reality and data made to look that way by bad-faith actors using AI. This and other developments led a prominent group of AI pioneers to draft a single-sentence, and alarmist, statement: "Mitigating the risk of extinction from AI should be a global priority alongside other societal-scale risks such as pandemics and nuclear war." Dishonest actors wielding AI are one of many threats, but the statement is too simple to admit the complexity of human society.

Some specific concerns enumerated in other communiqués are worth taking seriously, however: the inscrutability of the inner workings of AI models, their use of copyrighted data, regard for human dignity and privacy, and protections from falsifying information. The models being developed and used today are not mandated to tick these boxes, even as there is no way to understand the risks they pose. So, even at a point when the computational resources required to run AI models in full coincide with that available in consumer electronics, the world will need at least rolling policies that keep the door open for democratic institutions to slam the brakes on dangerous enterprises. At this time, the Indian government should proactively launch and maintain an open-source AI risk profile, set up sandboxed R&D environments to test potentially high-risk AI models, promote the development of explainable AI, define scenarios of intervention, and keep a watchful eye. Inaction is just not an option: apart from the possibility of adverse consequences, it could render India missing the 'harnessing AI for good' bus.

Reset time

The current revenue trajectory presents an opportunity to fix GST's flaws

Gross Goods and Services Tax (GST) revenues grew 11.5% to cross ₹1.57 lakh crore in May. While this marks the slowest growth in six months, with collections 16% lower than April's inflows, a nuanced reading is warranted. April's revenues, which crossed a record ₹1.87 lakh crore, were bumped up by financial year-end compliances. Although May's collections, for transactions during April, the first month of this financial year, were the lowest in three months, they signal a broader positive trend. While GST revenues have been over the ₹1.4 lakh mark for 15 successive months, May's revenues mark only the sixth time that GST revenues have crossed the ₹1.5 lakh crore mark. Four of those occasions have been in 2023. More significantly, even after discounting the April spurt, the average monthly revenues between October 2022 and May 2023 are over ₹1.53 lakh crore (and ₹1.57 lakh crore-plus if April's record kitty is included). Revenues have held up despite retail inflation cooling to 4.7% in April and wholesale prices slipping into deflation. Given this backdrop, if price rise continues to ease, 10%-12% growth rates in the GST kitty should be fine even if they seem more solemn than last year.

Initial data on May's economic activity indicate some acceleration. As per the S&P Global Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI), manufacturers had their best month since October 2020, fuel sales rebounded after two patchy months, and wholesale auto sales appear to be speeding, albeit on a low base for some segments. Besides, other compliance- and consumption-led tailwinds could lift revenues in the coming months. Till July, when the GST regime completes six years, the Revenue Department is undertaking a special two-month drive to tackle evasion and fake registrations. A new return scrutiny system has kicked in to prioritise cases with higher revenue implications. From August, e-invoicing will be mandatory for firms with an annual turnover over ₹5 crore, snipping possible loose ends in the tax trail. That some holders of the withdrawn ₹2,000 currency notes are looking to spend part of their stash by September 30 may provide some fillip too. If around ₹1.55 lakh crore is likely to be the new normal for monthly GST revenues, the government must seize this window to expedite the resolution of policy-level anomalies that still haunt the tax. Even if political bandwidth is constricted ahead of the Lok Sabha polls, the GST Council must not dither on what is doable in the short run, such as setting up tribunals, clarifying gaming and casino levies, and drawing up the blueprint for fixing an unwieldy rate structure.

A critical juncture in Manipur

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In a press statement issued on May 12, 10 Kuki-Zo legislators of the Manipur Assembly, seven of whom belong to the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), called for a "separate administration." They said that the Government of Manipur tacitly supported the "unabated violence" by the majority Meiteis "against the Chin-Kuki-Mizo-Zomi hill tribals," which has "already partitioned the State and effected a total separation from the State of Manipur." Not surprisingly, in response, a new valley-based Meitei committee staged a rally in Thoubal on May 20 urging for protection of the State's "territorial integrity." Of late, media and public debates have centred around the "sacrosanctity" and "inviolability" of borders.

The demands for a separate administration and for the protection of the territorial integrity of Manipur override the differences within and across the segmented Kuki-Zo and Meitei societies. The road to a separate administration will naturally be a bumpy one. And despite the grandstanding of the Biren Singh-led BJP government and the position taken by Meitei frontal organisations on the "inviolability" of borders, effecting a change of Manipur's border lies outside the exclusive preserve of the State. For, it is Article 3 of the Constitution that gives unilateral power to the Centre on a State's border change.

A popular demand

The central question then is: how will this demand for a separate administration constitute a critical juncture in effecting or resisting border change? The answer is that this demand enjoys unprecedented popular support among the Kuki-Zo groups. Earlier demands by tribal communities for a separate administration in the form of a Union Territory or a Territorial Council or the Sixth Schedule were what the report of the National Commission to review the working of the Constitution, constituted by the BJP-led National Democratic Alliance government in 2000, called "non-serious" as they did not have popular support. Also given dissension within and across different segments of the Kuki-Zo groups in the past, a sustained mobilisation for a separate administration remained elusive. Now, faced with a common antagonistic "other," whose position on this demand is not likely to change in the short term, popular support for this edition of the demand for a separate administration is likely to be sustained and gain more political traction.

Thus, this moment may well constitute a critical juncture in the demand by Kuki-Zo groups for a separate administration. The extensive erasure of lives and land titles, destruction of property, and the unprecedented displacement of the population across the hills and the valley suggest that the Rubicon of living under one political roof has already been crossed. As suspicion and distrust in Manipur run deep, returning to the status quo ante is now widely seen as amounting to a Hobson's choice. Given that the violence and ethnic cleansing unleashed against both sides of the divide since May 3 has resulted in complete "demographic" and "geographical separation," to borrow from what W.L. Hangshing, the general secretary of the Kuki People's Alliance, told *The Wire*, the demand for a separate administration has become a fait accompli.

Shifting of constitutional gears

This may require a radical shifting of constitutional gears. Three possible institutional architectures are plausible. The first is to grant a separate administration in the hill areas of Manipur for not only the Kuki-Zos, but also the Nagas. The roadblocks to this are the reluctance of some Naga groups to compromise on their expansive territorial project under the rubric of a sovereign 'Nagalim' and the staunch opposition by the State and Meitei groups.

The second is to grant a separate administration for the Kuki-Zo in districts where they are dominant, and resolve the Naga's demand in due course. Invoking administrative convenience and economic viability, the two cardinal principles of State reorganisation in India, as counterpoints against this demand may not work in this case. This is because the institutional and administrative blueprints for this have already been laid down by the extant sub-State constitutional arrangements under the Manipur (Hill Areas) District Councils Act, 1971, where the territorial boundaries of District Councils broadly overlap with ethnic boundaries. In 2016, seven new districts were created out of the existing nine districts in Manipur, which further sharpened this overlap.

Given that Pherzawl and Churachandpur, the two districts where the majority are Kuki-Zo, sit on a rich natural gas belt (the Assam-Arakan basin), effective exploration and harnessing of these resources may offset any counter argument about the economic non-viability of this demand for a separate administration. The Kuki-Zo-dominated districts have two important strategic gateways to Southeast Asia (Behiang and Moreh). This makes the demand for a separate administration a compelling economic proposition. The challenges to this blueprint are districts such as Chandel, Kamjong and Tengnoupal, which are marked by a mixture of populations and have seen long-standing territorial disputes between the Kukis and the Nagas. However, this may not be insurmountable if a combination of territorial and non-territorial autonomy is crafted in the future.

The third possibility is to maintain the status quo ante where the territorial integrity of Manipur is secured. Given the increasingly hardened integrationist position taken by the State and frontal Meitei groups, this may entail dissolution of extant sub-State constitutional asymmetrical arrangements under Article 371C, the district councils and tribal land rights. This will, of course, require not only amendment of the Constitution, but also a revisit to the normative and political foundations of Manipur. The position of the Kuki-Zo groups, to no longer accept the powerless sub-State constitutional asymmetrical arrangements or any political solution within the existing State of Manipur, suggests that this impasse is likely to continue.

This means that Manipur will remain a deeply divided society. If the experience of other such societies including Belgium, Canada, the Netherlands, and Switzerland are to be used as any guide, the holding together of federal polity or polities requires genuine recognition and accommodation of territorially mobilised groups – not as a matter of strategic convenience of the majority but as a matter of enduring value. The reluctance to do this and the lack of democracy and federalism in East European states in the 1990s had led to state break-ups which Manipur may not like to emulate.

The jury is out

The debates to protect the territorial integrity of Manipur are likely to lead to spawn a competing constellation of agendas, ideas and interests without any immediate resolution. Or these may align in complex ways to effect or resist change in the State's border. This is likely to resuscitate the point that defenders of the rights of States and democracy, such as K.T. Shah, raised during the Constituent Assembly debates against Article 3, which B.R. Ambedkar envisaged as a flexible and democratic constitutional provision. Shah argued that to "place power and authority in the Centre" to effect a change of State boundaries without requiring the "consent" of the said States would amount to "the serious prejudice not only of the Units, but even of the very idea of democracy." In their overweening ambition to protect the rights of States and democracy, Shah and others forgot what K. Santhanam, another influential member, cautioned, that mandating "consent" of the States would leverage "absolute autocracy of the majority in every province and State" when they vote down a minority's demand for merger with an adjacent State or for formation of a separate State of their own.

This debate continues to remain unresolved. The jury is out on whether the constellation of agendas, ideas and interests of multiple actors across India's multi-level federal polity and processes align to foster institutions which protect the "absolute autocracy of the majority" or promote and accommodate the rights of territorially mobilised minority groups within and across Indian States.

As suspicion and distrust in Manipur run deep, returning to the status quo ante is now widely seen as amounting to a Hobson's choice

International trade has a carbon problem

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The European Union's (EU) key climate law, the Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM), has spooked India. New Delhi fears that CBAM will cripple the export of its carbon-intensive products to the EU. While India's exports may be limited to aluminium, iron, and steel, and affect only 1.8% of its total exports to the EU, India has reportedly decried CBAM as being protectionist and discriminatory. There is also talk of challenging the CBAM at the World Trade Organization (WTO)'s dispute settlement body. This debate brings to the forefront the inter-linkages between trade and the environment. While the international trade regime allows countries to adopt unilateral measures for safeguarding the environment, environmental protection should not become a smokescreen for trade protectionism. The CBAM needs to be viewed from this standpoint.

About CBAM

In 2005, the EU adopted an important climate change policy known as the Emissions Trading System (ETS). Now in its fourth stage, the ETS is a market-based mechanism that aims at reducing greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions by allowing bodies emitting GHG to buy and sell these emissions amongst themselves. However, the EU's concern is that while it has a mechanism for its domestic industries, emissions embedded in products imported from other countries may not be priced in a similar way due to a lack of stringent policies or due to less stringent policies in those countries. This, the EU worries, would put its industries at a disadvantage. To tackle this, the impacted industries in the EU had so far been receiving free allowances or permits under the ETS. Furthermore, the EU also apprehends the phenomenon of 'carbon leakage', that is, due to the application of ETS, European firms operating in carbon-intensive sectors might possibly shift to those countries that have less stringent GHG emission norms.

CBAM is aimed at addressing this quagmire, and, thus, levelling the playing field for the EU industries. Under the CBAM, imports of certain carbon-intensive products, namely cement, iron and steel, electricity, fertilizers, aluminium, and hydrogen, will have to bear the same economic costs borne by EU producers under the ETS. The price to be paid will be linked to the weekly average of the emissions priced under the ETS. However, where a carbon price has been explicitly paid for the imported products in their country of origin, a reduction can be claimed.

WTO consistency

A cornerstone principle of WTO law is non-discrimination. Thus, countries are required to accord equal treatment to 'like' products irrespective of their country of origin (most-favoured nation treatment) and to treat foreign-made 'like' products as they treat domestic ones (national treatment principle). While the CBAM's design is origin-neutral in appearance, it may, in its application, discriminate between goods from different countries on account of an inadequate carbon pricing policy, or due to onerous reporting requirements that importers would be subject to.

A key consideration in all this may be whether the carbon-intensive products to which the CBAM applies are 'like'. While steel products may appear similar, the process by which electric arc furnaces produce steel is less carbon-intensive than the steel produced in blast furnaces, for instance. Being products that are not 'like', the rules on non-discrimination would have little application in such a case. Accordingly, the debate on CBAM reignites a long-standing debate in international trade law circles: must processes and production methods be relevant for comparing products? Traditionally, the answer to that in WTO jurisprudence has been no, and, on that account, as commentators have noted, the CBAM violates WTO law for discriminating between EU and foreign products covered by CBAM based on the embedded emissions.

However, even if the EU's CBAM is discriminatory, there could be a claim for justifying it under the General Exceptions clause given in Article XX of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT). Under Article XX, measures taken by countries that otherwise violate GATT obligations are permitted if, first, they fall under one of the listed policy grounds, and second, if they satisfy the requirements of the introductory clause of Article XX, known as the chapeau. One of the listed policy grounds in Article XX is 'conservation of exhaustible natural resources'. CBAM would fall under this category. However, it is doubtful if it would satisfy the chapeau, which inter alia requires that countries do not apply measures in a manner that results in arbitrary or unjustifiable discrimination between countries where the same conditions prevail. As commentators argue, the CBAM only considers 'explicit' carbon prices, not 'implicit' costs (non-price-based costs) borne by products originating in certain countries. Accordingly, it arbitrarily or unjustifiably discriminates between countries where the same environmental conditions exist.

Finally, CBAM is also an important issue in the ongoing India-EU free trade agreement negotiations. India should work with the EU to secure gains on CBAM and ensure smooth onboarding for Indian exporters to maximise the benefits of a bilateral deal, even as the possibility of a WTO challenge remains open.

Environmental protection should not become a smokescreen for trade protectionism

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

In pursuit of justice

Ever since the wrestlers began their protest, the government has failed to send a message that there will zero tolerance for sexual harassment ("Wrestling for justice," Editorial, June 2). It seems as though the BJP cannot afford to offend Brij Bhushan Singh at any cost. The silence of the women in the government is most shocking. 'Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao' seems to be nothing more than a slogan. It is important to provide the wrestlers justice and restore the prestige of the Wrestling Federation of India.

S.H. Quadri,
Bikaner

Singh has said publicly that he will compel the government to change the POCSO Act, under which he has been charged. Whether or not the allegations against him are true is a judicial matter, but the least the government can do is to listen to the wrestlers and distance itself from him and his irresponsible remarks. It must take steps to keep the faith of the citizens in law-enforcement agencies and in the government, which claims to protect women.

Nakshatra Jagannath,
Ghaziabad

It is becoming more and more obvious that the accused has the blessings of the powers that be. BJP MP Pritam Munde's support for the wrestlers is a welcome but lone voice. It is a shame that the hundreds of the BJP MPs in the Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha are silent on the subject.

Avinash Godboley,
Dewas

Corrections & Clarifications

>>In the story headlined "Gyanvapi case: HC turns down plea by mosque panel" (June 1, 2023), the name of one of the plaintiffs was erroneously given as *Rakshi Singh*. It should have been *Rakhi Singh*.

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As vigilante groups thrive, couples try to survive

Women and men belonging to different faiths battle threats, harassment and even violence just to get married and live together. **Ishita Mishra** and **Syed Mohammed** report on the systematic targeting by members of Hindu and Muslims organisations, who are emboldened by the anonymity of social media

In Little Angel Toys Shop in Paltan Bazar, Vikas Verma is trying to sell a pink unicorn to a customer. Some bargaining ensues for a few minutes in what is the busiest market in Dehradun, but Verma, who is the owner, refuses to relent. Then his phone beeps, and he looks at a WhatsApp message. Distracted, he agrees to the customer's price, calling to his staff to take care of the shop. Moving to a corner, Verma fervently types a message to accompany a photograph of a notice pasted on the board of the Sub-Divisional Magistrate's office.

"We have to find this girl," says Verma, 44, who is the Bajrang Dal chief in Dehradun. In the notice are pictures of the couple – a Hindu woman and a Muslim man – who had applied to legalise their union under the Special Marriage Act, 1954. The recipients, all volunteers of the Bajrang Dal, are asked to relay the message to as many people as they can. The couple and their families must be identified, Verma urges, and the woman, who has "fallen into the trap of 'love jihad', must be 'counselled'."

The Special Marriage Act requires couples to submit a notice of intended marriage. According to Section 7 of the Act, objections to the marriage, if any, must be submitted within 30 days and in written form, which the Marriage Officer then records.

It is a lawyer from a District Court who has shared the information of the notice with Verma. Often, the information about interfaith couples who have registered to get married reaches Verma through WhatsApp messages via the 'Bajrang Dal helpline' numbers. Sometimes "vigilant people in society" are sources. On occasion, he receives anonymous letters.

"It's not that easy, *Didi*," Verma says. "These people [the couples] have become so clever these days that they have started writing wrong addresses in forms so that we cannot approach them. But we will do our best."

Toy shop owner and Bajrang Dal leader Vikas Verma at his shop in Dehradun, Uttarakhand. MOORTHY R.V.

Targeted by vigilante groups

Pinky and Rashid fell in love in Dehradun in 2019 and decided to get married. When they attempted to get their marriage registered at the local court, a few lawyers informed the Bajrang Dal.

Pinky's parents were contacted by the vigilantes and a First Information Report (FIR) was filed against Rashid, a resident of Moradabad. He was booked under the Uttar Pradesh anti-conversion law, which was also passed by the Uttarakhand government. Both the States are governed by the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP). Rashid remained in jail for a couple of weeks until a court released him, citing absence of proof of conversion and abduction, among other charges. During this time, Pinky, who was sent to a women's care centre, suffered a miscarriage. Three years later, they are trying to live a normal life: Rashid goes to work every morning and Pinky takes care of their six-month-old twins.

It is not just middle-class couples like Pinky and Rashid who are the targets of attempts to "save" Hindu women from "falling into the trap of 'love jihad"'. Economically and politically strong families are equally vulnerable, including those whose allegiance lies with the BJP.

Earlier this month, a BJP leader and the chief of Pauri Garhwal Nagar Palika, Yashpal Rawat alias 'Benam', cancelled the marriage of his daughter Monika with a Muslim man named Monish, as right-wing vigilantes objected to the union. When the wedding invitation went viral, vigilante groups organised a series of protests across the State. The former MLA, who refused to vacate his seat for veteran B.C. Khanduri, is now accused of celebrating his daughter's wedding to garner votes from the minority community. "This is all a lie," says Rawat to *The Hindu*. "I never objected to an interfaith marriage. How can people think like this in 21st century?"

Tit for tat

Verma, who is originally from Saharanpur in Uttar Pradesh, has been living in Uttarakhand for over two decades, and has been with the Bajrang Dal since 2010. A self-proclaimed swayamsevak, or member of the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh, since childhood, he believes that the demography of Uttarakhand is changing rapidly, with large numbers of Muslims 'encroaching' on the land.

Sandeep Khatri, the founder of Devbhoomi Bhairav Vahini, another right-wing organisation, feels the same. Khatri claims his wife fell in love with him when she saw him staging a protest against Valentine's Day. He and his team are keeping a tab on Sumati and Saad Alvi, a couple who got married earlier this year.

"We got to know about their 'affair' in 2017. Before he could make her convert to Islam, we made him change his religion. We made him drink cow urine and chant the Gayatri Mantra," says Khatri, while showing the religion and name change advertisement that Saad gave to a local newspaper. Saad is now known as Shivansh.

The couple, who have changed multiple houses, did not want to be interviewed. They said they did not want any more controversy in their lives.

To counter 'love jihad,' young men, sometimes with the backing of religious organisations from the minority community too, have coined a term: 'bhagwa trap' (saffron trap). Their aim is to 'save' Muslim women from marrying Hindu men. They post warnings for women on social media, including videos of Muslim women who were allegedly killed by their Hindu partners. They distribute pamphlets in localities and deploy young men to "take care of women."

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> **DEEPANSHU**
> Employee at a private company

Deepanshu, an employee at a private company, says he was a target of their wrath. Deepanshu was thrashed by a group of Muslim men in Meerut on May 13, when he met two former Muslim colleagues.

"Some men approached me and my friends. We didn't know them. They asked us how a hijab-clad Muslim woman can be friends with a Hindu man. And then they started beating the three of us," he says, still in shock.

An FIR was filed and the police arrested four or five people, identified in the videos circulated on social media.

In the last month alone, several cases of Hindu men being beaten in broad daylight for being accompanied by Muslim women were reported from Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Maharashtra, Telangana, and other parts of the country. A man who runs an Instaram page, Stop_Bhagwa_love_trap, told *The Hindu*: "*Apni ladkiyon ko bachana humara kaam hai* (It's our job to save our women)."

No faith in the system

Though the couples are being harassed by fringe elements from both communities, they are reluctant to go to the police. "In most cases, this is because their families will be defamed if there is a police complaint," says Asif Iqbal, co-founder of Dhanak, a non-profit that works for people's right to choose their partners, and against forced marriages and 'honour' killings. "In many cases, there is hope of reconciliation [with their families], and so these couples don't go to the police."

Iqbal says approaching the police ironically also invites a threat to security. "These fringe groups have people stationed everywhere. Couples don't trust the system," he says.

A lawyer with two Hindu girls that the Bajrang Dal claims to have "rescued from the trap of 'love jihad'", at the District Court in Dehradun, Uttarakhand. R.V. MOORTHY

In most cases, the fringe groups get involved only when family members or relatives protest against the marriage, he adds. "In India, it is not the mother and father alone; even if aunts and uncles have a problem with the marriage, it becomes difficult to get married," says Iqbal.

M.S. Pant, a lawyer, mostly handles cases filed against right-wing groups by the police. Pant claims that the police book right-wing members because they have a "grudge". He also claims that FIRs are being lodged against right-wing groups because the BJP is in power.

Pant maintains that the Bajrang Dal follows rules. The organisation never forces anyone, but only fulfils its moral duty that was assigned to it by the people themselves, he says. "My work is to save Hindu girls. I also save Muslim women. Many sisters come to me as they are harassed by triple talaq," he says.

Leaking details

The Internet, particularly social media, is a useful tool for these groups. On May 23, photographs of marriage notices of interfaith couples from Telangana were splashed on Twitter by an anonymous account. A request for action accompanied these images: would a volunteer inform the family of the woman of this development? The intention was clear: to slam the brakes on the marital union.

> We got to know about Sumati and Saad Alvi's 'affair' in 2017. Before he could make her convert to Islam, we made him change his religion.
>
> **SANDEEP KHATRI**
> Founder, Devbhoomi Bhairav Vahini

The thread received many likes and retweets. Many also reported the handle. It went private, resurfaced after a few hours, and then altogether disappeared. The handle dismissed concerns about doxxing – revealing personal details of people online – of women, many of whom had Muslim names. Its defence was blunt: the data was available on the Telangana government's Registration and Stamps Department (RSD) website.

The RSD's 'Notice Dashboard for Intended Marriages' provides a drop-down. Users can select any of the State's 33 districts and access details such as the name and photographs of the couple, the due date of raising objections, the application numbers, and even the present and permanent addresses. As on May 26, up to 588 marriage notices under Special Marriage Act were posted on the dashboard.

According to sources, this digital push came last year. To make processes simpler, photos of those intending to wed under the Special Marriage Act are taken at the Office of the Sub-Registrar. They are then uploaded on the dashboard.

A woman complained to the Hyderabad Cyber Crimes Police that a screenshot of her details was shared on Facebook along with her phone number. "The woman is from Hyderabad. We booked a case under Section 153A [promoting enmity between different groups on grounds of religion, race, place of birth, residence] of the Indian Penal Code today (May 25)," says K.V.M. Prasad, ACP, Hyderabad Cyber Crimes.

A day later, the police wrote to Facebook to trace the identity and whereabouts of the man who posted the information. "Once they respond, we will know the IP address and his phone number. We will proceed once we have this information," Prasad says, adding that it was the first time such a case had come to their attention.

Over the past few days, screenshots from the RSD dashboard as shared on Twitter were circulating in WhatsApp groups, some of which *The Hindu* accessed. Much like the Twitter handle, calls to inform parents were made. One message read: "The marriage must be stopped. Faith does not permit it." Appeals were made to share the information as widely as possible.

A senior officer associated with the RSD shows surprise that the data is readily accessible. "These are public documents. I have instructed the concerned officer to look into the issue which you have shared with me," he says adding that presence of data online and its public access would be investigated and suitable action taken.

Lawyers say the Special Marriage Act requires a relook. An Allahabad High Court judgment held that publishing marriage notices on a board visible to all are optional, not mandatory, they say. A lawyer suggested that if a public interest litigation or writ petition is filed in the Telangana High Court, a similar order could be obtained.

Officials point out that vigilantes, irrespective of whether they are Hindu or Muslim, and whether well-networked or independent, used notices of marriage to meet their goals much before the advent of social media.

Social media experts say informal networks are created when pages such as Jhamunda, dedicated to moral policing and online vigilantism, encourage their followers to record and share video clips of young men and women from different communities together. "These pages have a huge following [in the thousands]. Videos are posted with descriptions in filthy language. Many of them have disappeared after the police began to notice them. To avoid being detected, they use super VPNs," says a social media expert. Shikha Goel, Additional Director General of Police, Women Safety, Hyderabad, says four cases have been booked against Jhamunda since last year.

There is also spillover violence. A Muslim man recently waylaid a Hindu couple. The Musheerabad Police Station slapped a case against him . A similar incident was reported on May 12, under the Rein Bazar police station limits.

"My son was good friends with the girl," says the father of a man who was waylaid. "He was stopped and assaulted by some Muslim men. I have Muslim, Christian, and Hindu friends. But the gulf between these communities has been increasing for the past few years. I want my son to get over the trauma and forget this incident."

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70 killed in train accident in Odisha

The State government has mobilised doctors from all neighbouring districts as well as premier medical colleges. The doctors seemed overwhelmed managing the crisis as patients poured in with every minute. The constant blaring of the ambulances kept the local residents awake at night, while hundreds of them jumped into the rescue operation. People from nearby villages ran to the accident sites as first responders. People were seen queuing up to donate blood. Over 115 ambulances were pressed into services for evacuation of seriously injured patients.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi, in a tweet, expressed grief over the accident, along with Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik and West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee. The Odisha CMwill be visiting the site on Saturday morning.

"Deeply anguished to know about the loss of lives in an unfortunate rail accident in Balasore. My heart goes out to the bereaved families. I pray for the success of rescue operations and quick recovery of the injured," President Droupadi Murmu tweeted.

Railways Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw solicited the help of the Air Force in the rescue operations. He announced ex gratia of ₹10 lakh to the next of kin of the deceased and ₹2 lakh for the seriously injured.

Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M.K. Stalin on Friday night deputed a team led by Transport Minister S.S. Sivasankar to Odisha to aid Tamils affected in the train accident. The Tamil Nadu government also announced helpline numbers of the State Emergency Operation Centre in Chennai - 1070 (toll-free), 94458 69843, 94458 69848 (WhatsApp) and 044 2859 3990 (landline).

Mr. Stalin spoke to Mr. Patnaik and expressed shock and condolences. He further assured all necessary assistance to those affected in the accident. He also promised to send a medical team to Odisha, if necessary, an official release said.

Three IAS officers – K. Phanindra Reddy (Transport Secretary), Kumar Jayant (Disaster Management Secretary) and Archana Pattnaik (Chairperson of Teachers Recruitment Board) – would accompany the Minister to Odisha.

The West Bengal government dispatched a four-member team comprising a Minister and an MP to the accident site.

West Bengal Chief Secretary H. K. Dwivedi said the team will coordinate with Railway officials as well as Government of Odisha in providing rescue and relief to the affected passengers.

Mr. Dwivedi said that an emergency control room has been activated with numbers 033-22143526/22535185.

(With inputs from The Hindu Bureaus in Chennai and Kolkata)

Weapons surrendered across Manipur on Friday, a day after Union Home Minister Amit Shah made an appeal. ANI

Over 140 weapons surrendered in violence-hit Manipur

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

A day after Union Home Minister Amit Shah appealed to people to surrender weapons in Manipur, more than 140 weapons have been returned to the police and security forces at different places in the violence-hit State.

As many as 1,420 weapons were looted from police armouries since May 3 when ethnic violence erupted in the State between the Kuki and Meitei communities. Before Mr. Shah's appeal, more than 500 weapons had been returned.

Mr. Shah, on the last day of his four-day visit to Manipur on June 1, appealed to all concerned to surrender their weapons to the security forces and administration. He also warned that a search-and-combing operation would be carried out in the State soon and anyone found in possession of any weapon would be prosecuted.

The surrendered weapons included self-loading rifles, carbine, AK and INSAS rifles, light machine guns, pistols, M16 rifles, smoke gun/tear gas, and grenades launcher.

Ethnic clashes broke out in the northeastern State on May 3 after a "Tribal Solidarity March" was organised in the State's hill districts to protest against a Manipur High Court order that asked the State to consider Scheduled Tribe (ST) status for the majority Meitei community.

At least 98 people lost their lives and 310 others were injured in the violence, the government said in a statement on Friday. A total of 37,450 people were staying in 272 relief camps.

Govt. wants to make sedition law more draconian: Congress

It wants to send a message before the next Lok Sabha election that the law will be used against Opposition leaders, says party leader Singhvi

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Citing the Law Commission's backing of Section 124A of the Indian Penal Code (IPC) which pertains to sedition, the Congress on Friday alleged that the BJP government was planning to make the law more "draconian" and wanted to send a message before the next Lok Sabha election that it would be used against Opposition leaders.

The principal Opposition party alleged that the BJP used the sedition law as a tool of "subversing, subjugating, and silencing dissent" and asked why the government had not yet had the courage to do away it despite the Supreme Court making strong observations and rendering the law inoperative.

Former Law Minister and Independent Rajya Sabha member Kapil Sibal too accused the government of trying to make the law more stringent.

Colonial mindset

"A message of colonial mindset has been given that there will be a distance between the ruler and the ruled, and through this law, the foundations of the republic will be uprooted. A message has been given ahead of the general election that we will use this in a one-sided manner particularly against Opposition leaders," Congress leader and senior Supreme Court advocate Abhishek Singhvi said.

The panel has backed the penal provision for the offence of sedition, saying repealing it altogether can have adverse ramifications for the security and integrity of the country.

It recommended enhancing the jail term in sedition cases from a minimum of three years to seven years, contending that it would allow the courts greater room to award punishment in accordance with the scale and gravity of the act committed.

In the report titled the 'Usage of the Law of Sedition', the commission said that its earlier report had termed the punishment for Section 124A "very odd" as it had provisions for either life imprisonment or a three-year jail term, but nothing in between. The minimum punishment under the sedition law is paying a fine.

"The BJP government now plans to become more draconian, drastic, and deadly than the colonial regime," Mr. Singhvi said.

Senior Congress leader Abhishek Singhvi addressing the media in Delhi on Friday. SUSHIL KUMAR VERMA

Modi invited to address joint session of U.S. Congress

The Hindu Bureau

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has been invited to address a joint session of the U.S. Congress on June 22, during his state visit to the U.S.

The leaders of the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate from both parties invited Mr. Modi to share his vision of India's future and the global challenges faced by both countries.

The invitation to Mr. Modi was co-signed by House Speaker (Republican) Kevin McCarthy, Senate Majority (Democrat) Leader Chuck Schumer, Senate Republican Leader Mitch McConnell and House Democratic Leader Hakeem Jeffries.

"Your historic address to a Joint Meeting of Congress seven years ago left a lasting impression and greatly deepened the friendship between the United States and India," the letter said. The lawmakers also said that the two countries' "shared values and commitment to global peace and prosperity" was the basis on which the bilateral partnership was growing.

"We look forward to continuing to work together to build a brighter future for our countries and for the world," the letter said.

Begin talks with wrestlers or face agitation from June 9, warn *khap* leaders

Ashok Kumar
Mayank Kumar
KURUKSHETRA/LUCKNOW

A *mahapanchayat* in Haryana's Kurukshetra on Friday gave the Union government a week to initiate a dialogue on the wrestlers' demand for the arrest of Wrestling Federation of India (WFI) chief and BJP MP Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh. If the government failed to reach an amicable resolution of the situation, the agitation at Jantar Mantar in Delhi would be resumed from June 9, it said.

Several top wrestlers have been demanding the arrest of the WFI president over allegations of sexual exploitation of female grapplers, including a minor. Mr. Singh has denied the charges.

Announcing the decision after an hour-long meeting, Bharatiya Kisan Union chief Rakesh Tikait said, "The government has time till June 9 to resolve the matter, or we will accompany the children [wrestlers] to Jantar Mantar to resume the sit-in."

The *mahapanchayat* was attended by several *khap* leaders and their supporters from Haryana, Uttar Pradesh and Delhi.

'Only arrest would do'

Mr. Tikait said the *khap* leaders had spoken to the wrestlers and concluded that nothing less than the arrest of the WFI chief was acceptable to them, their families and society. He also claimed that the families of wrestlers were receiving threats and were scared.

Rakesh Tikait

Drawing parallels to the 13-month-long farmers' agitation, he said that similar *mahapanchayats* would be held across the country as everyone was united on the wrestlers' issue. "His arrest is the top priority," he said.

Mr. Tikait had earlier said that feelers were being sent from the government for talks on the issue for the past couple of days, adding that the *khap* leaders must allow an opportunity to resolve the matter through dialogue.

Meanwhile, with the wrestlers' protest intensifying, the Ayodhya district administration denied permission to the BJP MP for his proposed 'Jan Chetna Maha Rally' on June 5 "in view of the events scheduled on the occasion of World Environment Day". Circle Officer (Ayodhya) Shailendra Pratap Gautam told *The Hindu* that permission was denied as the venue – Ram Katha Park – for the proposed rally was prebooked for other events.

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Is bankruptcy code a tool for 'organised loot', asks Congress

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Attacking the Narendra Modi government over the low debt recovery under the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC), the Congress on Friday asked whether it was a mechanism to rescue stressed firms or another tool for "organised loot".

The party also asked if the IBC was aimed at helping cronies to create monopolies by transferring businesses at throwaway prices.

Addressing a press conference at the Congress headquarters here, party spokesperson Gourav Vallabh said the IBC of 2016 was billed as a game changer and one of the "big-ticket economic reforms" by the Modi government but the reality was that it had turned out to be far worse than its predecessor, the Sick Industrial Companies Act (SICA) of 1985, and its Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction (BIFR).

Mr. Vallabh said that at a time when people were struggling to make ends meet, the total recovery of debt under IBC was at only 17.6% of the "admitted claims," resulting in a loss of 82.4% for financial creditors of their credits or loans.

Scrap sales

He claimed that 75% of the firms under the IBC end up in scrap sales. He added that debt recovery under the previous mechanism, the SICA, was 25% and much better than the IBC.

Mr. Vallabh also alleged that the Adani Group had used the IBC to acquire stressed assets and consolidate its position in power and ports.

He said that Adani Ports and Special Economic Zone Ltd. paid ₹1,583 crore for the Karaikal port while the admitted claims for KPPL were ₹2,997 crore.

In the case of Korba West Power plant acquisition, the Adani Group paid ₹1,100 crore to financial creditors, who had together admitted claims of ₹3,346 crore.

Congress, BJP trade barbs over Rahul's IUML remark

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

Congress leader Rahul Gandhi's remark that the Indian Union Muslim League (IUML) is a "completely secular party" triggered a political slugfest on Friday with the BJP alleging that the Kerala-based party is guided by the same mindset which was behind the Muslim League and the Congress reminding the saffron party about its veteran leader L.K. Advani's praise for Mohammad Ali Jinnah during his 2005 Pakistan visit.

Mr. Gandhi, during a media interaction in Washington, was asked about his party being in alliance with the IUML in Kerala while talking about secularism, to which he answered "Muslim League is a completely secular party."

The remark drew a sharp response from the BJP which alleged that the IUML is guided by the same mindset which was behind Jinnah's All India Muslim League.

Indian democracy is a global good, its collapse will impact the world, says Rahul Gandhi

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Indian democracy is a global good and its collapse would have an impact on the world, Congress leader Rahul Gandhi told journalists at the National Press Club in Washington on Thursday, even while reiterating that he considers it an internal battle. "It is our job to fight the battle for democracy in India," he said.

During the nearly hour-long interaction, Mr. Gandhi fielded wide-ranging questions, from India's stance on the Russia-Ukraine war and its face-off with China to the BJP's "politics of hate" and the effort to build a united Opposition before the 2024 Lok Sabha election.

Mr. Gandhi asserted that a united Opposition would defeat the BJP on its own. At a separate event, a dinner hosted by prominent Indian-American Frank Islam, the Congress leader also said that the BJP would be decimated in the next three or four Assembly elections.

Rahul Gandhi

Asked about the impact of the forthcoming visit of Prime Minister Narendra Modi to the U.S., he said, "Let the Prime Minister come here and let the visit take place. I don't want to prejudge this. But I do think that the relationship between India and the US is very very important".

When asked about the Congress's position with regard to India's relationship with Russia, Mr. Gandhi made it clear that his party's position would be very similar to the BJP.

On the international community's role in preventing a slide into authoritarianism in India, he said, "It's our job, it's our business, and it's our work to fight the battle for democracy in India. And it's something that we understand, we accept, and we do."

"But the thing to remember is that Indian democracy is a global public good. Because India is large enough that a collapse in democracy in India will affect...will have an impact on the world. So that is for you to think about how much you have to value Indian democracy. But for us, it's an internal matter, and it's a fight that we are committed to, and we are going to, we are going to win."

On how the Congress can counter BJP's propaganda going into the 2024 polls, Mr. Gandhi admitted that his party had been struggling before, but insisted that the Bharat Jodo Yatra had completely changed the narrative.

Vaishnaw hits out at Rajan's scepticism over India's semiconductor ambitions

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Union Minister for Electronics and Information Technology Ashwini Vaishnaw on Friday hit out at former Reserve Bank of India Governor Raghuram Rajan for expressing scepticism over the outcome of the government's production-linked incentive (PLI) scheme for semiconductor manufacturing.

"What Raghuram Rajan was before 2014, and what he became after that – when he was the [RBI] Governor – we are well aware," Mr. Vaishnaw said, responding to a question at a BJP press conference on a recent paper co-authored by the economist.

"When [Mr. Rajan] criticised mobile manufacturing in India, I felt, if a person can go to Chicago, go through a good university education, and is still not able to grasp this issue, what is he worth? There are 25 lakh jobs in electronics manufacturing in India; each factory is such that in one place, 20,000 people are working. This is such a big change; every month, there is some big firm or the other talking of beginning manufacturing in India, such as Cisco," he added.

Mr. Vaishnaw was reacting to a paper by Mr. Rajan and two other economists, which argued that India's semiconductor manufacturing ambitions had essentially made it a net importer, and that the fundamental problem of indigenising supply chains was not being accomplished. "When we correct for that, it is hard to maintain that net exports [of smartphones] has gone up," Mr. Rajan, Rahul Chawla and Rohit Lamba wrote in the note.

Taking to his social media handle, Mr. Rajan said more than manufacturing India was merely an assembling platform for mobile manufacturers. "One key deficiency of the scheme is that the subsidy is paid only for finishing the phone in India, not on how much value is added by manufacturing in India," he said.

In February, Mr. Vaishnaw accused the economist of changing his views on India's semiconductor ambitions since 2014.

Law Commission meets Uttarakhand UCC team

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Law Commission may be considering to work on the issue of Uniform Civil Code, Justice Ranjana Prakash Desai (retd) said on Friday after a meeting with its Chairperson and members. Justice Desai heads the committee preparing a draft of the code for Uttarakhand.

On Friday, the members of the Uttarakhand UCC panel, including Justice Desai, who is also the current head of the delimitation commission, and former Uttarakhand Chief Secretary Shatrughna Singh, met Law Commission chairperson Justice Ritu Raj Awasthi and members K.T. Sankaran, Anand Paliwal and D.P. Verma.

Speaking to the media, Justice Desai said that the meeting was a courtesy call. "Because we are working on the UCC draft in Uttarakhand and probably they are also thinking about it. So they made a courtesy call and asked what kind of work has been done by us. We have also given a little idea to them," Justice Desai said.

NDRF teams rush to crash site; many trains cancelled

Rescue teams are equipped with stretchers, gas and plasma cutters, first-aid kits and other equipment, besides sniffer dogs; heavy-lift cranes are being brought in by Odisha government

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

Crisis response: An injured passenger being admitted to a hospital in Balasore district of Odisha after the train mishap involving Coromandel Express on Friday. PTI

Three NDRF teams are working at the train crash site in Odisha's Balasore district while six more are being rushed to the spot, officials said on Friday. The estimated strength of these nine teams is about 240 personnel, they said.

NDRF Director-General (DG) Atul Karwal said that his teams are working in coordination with the Odisha government and Railway authorities.

"Our job requires heavy lifting as railway coaches have climbed on one another. Some heavy lift cranes are being brought in by the State government while we are mobilising more cutters and equipment as we speak," Mr. Karwal said.

The rescue teams are equipped with stretchers, gas and plasma cutters, lifting pads, first-aid kits and other equipment, besides sniffer dogs, NDRF Deputy Inspector-General (DIG) Manoj Kumar Yadav said.

Six more teams are being rushed from Mundali in Cuttack district and Kolkata.

Eighteen long-distance trains were cancelled following the crash, an official said.

The 12837 Howrah-Puri Superfast Express, 12863 Howrah-Bengaluru Superfast Express, 12839 Howrah-Chennai Mail were cancelled, the official said.

He said that 12895 Howrah-Puri Superfast Express, 20831 Howrah-Sambalpur Express and 02837 Santragachi-Puri Express were also cancelled for the day.

The Southern Railway cancelled the Howrah-Dr. MGR Chennai Central Mail (train no. 12839) leading Howrah at 11.55 p.m. and the Howrah-Sir M. Viswesraya Bengaluru Terminal Superfast express proceeding via Katpadi and Jolarpettai that was supposed to be operated at 10.55 p.m. on Friday.

'Frontline has a robust presence, an extraordinarily loyal audience'

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

N. Ram, Director, THG Publishing Pvt. Ltd; Vaishna Roy, *Frontline* Editor; Malini Parthasarathy, Chairperson, THG Publishing Pvt. Ltd.; Mehbooba Mufti, former J&K CM; A.S. Dulat, former RAW chief; Pavan Varma, former MP and L.V. Navaneeth, CEO, THG Publishing Pvt. Ltd., at the relaunch of *Frontline*. R.V. MOORTHY

The Hindu Group relaunched its fortnightly news magazine *Frontline* on Friday in Delhi. Speaking at the event, the group's chairperson Malini Parthasarathy said that it is a challenging environment for magazine journalism with a generational shift in readers who prefer the digital medium.

"*Frontline* is fortunate that its print product has retained a robust presence in the market as many other publications have declined and gone bust. This is because its long-form journalism has an extraordinarily loyal audience, enjoying the thought-provoking analysis and the introspection," Dr. Parthasarathy said.

The magazine was started in December 1984 against the backdrop of former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi's assassination and the anti-Sikh riots that followed. *Frontline*, she added, takes pride in "its unflinching honesty and has a well-defined perspective which does not hesitate to highlight what it sees as the 'rights' and the 'wrongs' in developing situation".

The redesign, she explained, is to ensure that the magazine continues to hold the imagination of its readers. "Going forward in a rapidly changing market environment, *Frontline's* vision and path has to embrace a more realistic and market-friendly approach ensuring that its mode of story-telling captures and retains the imagination of its subscribers, print and online," Dr. Parthasarathy said.

Speaking on the occasion, *Frontline* Editor Vaishna Roy said that the publication was known as the only "mainstream magazine for intellectual writing".

"There is no need to leave this legacy behind and rush into some sort of brash new avatar. *Frontline's* reputation as a space for serious, considered, and in-depth journalism will continue. That is a space we do not wish to cede," Ms. Roy said.

The event was graced by senior diplomats, academicians, authors and political leaders. Peoples Democratic Party president Mehbooba Mufti, author Arundhati Roy, Congress leader Pawan Khera, senior RJD leader Manoj K. Jha, Communist Party of India general secretary D. Raja, activist Harsh Mander, political activist Sudheendra Kulkarni, and former Kashmir interlocutor Radha Kumar were present. Ambassadors from Bhutan, Sri Lanka, Turkey, Austria, Lithuania, Afghanistan and diplomats from Greece, U.K., U.S., Singapore, Israel and Pakistan attended the event.

26/11 attack accused Rana pleads against extradition

Press Trust of India
WASHINGTON

Pakistani-origin Canadian businessman Tahawwur Rana has filed a writ of habeas corpus challenging a recent U.S. court order that paved the way for his extradition to India where he is facing trial for his involvement in the 2008 Mumbai terror attack.

Last month, the U.S. District Court, Central District of California, approved the extradition of the 26/11 attack accused Rana to India.

Filing the writ of habeas corpus through his attorney, Rana, 62, challenged his extradition by the Government of India. Rana's extradition would violate the United States-India extradition treaty in two respects, his attorney argued.

Soren offers support to AAP in Delhi services row

Amarnath Tewary
PATNA

Arvind Kejriwal with Hemant Soren in Ranchi on Friday.

To muster support from Opposition parties against Centre's Ordinance on control over administrative services, Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal met his Jharkhand counterpart Hemant Soren in Ranchi on Friday. Mr. Kejriwal was accompanied by Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann and other Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) leaders. After the meeting, Mr. Soren announced his support for Mr. Kejriwal in his battle against the Ordinance.

Expressing concern over the Union government's "scheme" not to let an elected government function which is affecting the "structure of democracy", Mr. Soren said, "The strength of this country, which is unity in diversity, has been affected by the Union government's actions. The Centre speaks of federal structure but acts in a spirit contrary to it. It is clear that parties which are not allies of the Union government face almost the same situation and it is a matter of serious concern." He slammed the BJP-led government at the Centre saying, "It isn't striking just the Opposition but also the citizens of the country."

Restore democratic rights in J&K before elections are held, says Mehbooba Mufti

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Former Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Mehbooba Mufti said on Friday that resolution of the crisis in Kashmir is a challenge before the entire country, not of Kashmir alone. Speaking at a panel discussion on 'Kashmir - Changing The Discourse' during the relaunch of *Frontline* magazine, a sister publication of *The Hindu*, the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) leader said that while polls in Kashmir are important, more urgent is the restoration of basic democratic rights of the people there.

"Several Kashmiri youth were taken away and put in jails outside Kashmir (in 2019). Their families are so poor that they are not able to meet them, let alone fight these cases in court. Journalists have been arrested... Before elections, democratic rights should be restored," she said during the discussion moderated by *Frontline* Editor Vaishna Roy.

The PDP chief said normalcy was not the norm in the region. "Some 21 days before G-20, hundreds of youth were put in detention centres, many houses on the road to the airport were taken over by security forces. Militancy would not have spilled over to Rajouri and Poonch if things were normal," she said.

Former Research and Analysis Wing chief A.S Dulat said the muscular policy in J&K has succeeded to an extent as law and order is under control and "our boys are not joining militancy".

N. Ram, Director, The Hindu Group Publishing Private Limited, said Kashmir was robbed of Statehood and there were no signs of elections.

Mr. Ram said he was disappointed with the Supreme Court as it was yet to hear petitions that have challenged the dilution of Article 370. "Why have they not given it a priority? Why has the SC not rendered justice? People must speak up, I don't think J&K has enough support and solidarity from the rest of India," Mr. Ram said.

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Date: 03-06-2023 Chief Executive Officer
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KARNATAKA STATE ROAD TRANSPORT CORPORATION
Central Offices, Stores And Purchase Dept, K.H. Road, Shanthinagar, Bengaluru-560027

NOTICE INVITING TENDER NO 01 Dated: 01/06/2023

Tenders (Pre-qualification and or commercial offers)through e-procurement portal(http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in) are invited for supply the following goods/services/equipments:

Tender No	Nomenclature of Items/ Services/Equipment	Tender Value in crores Rs.(Approx)	Last date for submission of tender @17.00Hrs
IND0003	Procurement of Auto Electrical Items	13.10	03.07.2023
IND0004	Procurement of Shackle Pins & Bushes	2.00	03.07.2023
IND0006	Procurement of Synthetic Woolen Blankets & Linen Cloth	1.20	15.06.2023
IND0007	Procurement of Retro reflective Tape without QR code	1.80	03.07.2023
IND0008	Procurement of First Aid Box and first Aid Kit	0.50	15.06.2023
IND0009	Procurement of Radium & Vinyl Sticker	1.15	03.07.2023
IND0010	Procurement of Fasteners	1.75	03.07.2023
IND0011	Procurement of Fuel Injection Pipes	1.86	03.07.2023
IND0012	Procurement of NRC Chassis spares	1.50	03.07.2023
IND0013	Procurement of NRC Engine Spares	6.00	03.07.2023
IND0014	Procurement of Iron and Steel	0.45	15.06.2023
SE0021	Selection of an agency for providing email services to KSRTC & BMTC for a period of 5 years	3.00	03.07.2023
IND0015	Procurement of Piston Assembly & Ring Sets	43.00	03.07.2023
IND0016	Procurement of Brake and Brake parts	3.50	03.07.2023
	SHORT TERM TENDER		
IND0005	Procurement of Wiper Motor Arms and Blades	6.00	12.06.2023
IND0002	Procurement of Envelop and Curing Bag	4.00	13.06.2023

Corrigendum

The Tender number A-31/22-23 Procurement of Fasteners, A-32/22-23-Procurement of Auto Electricla Items, A-35/22-23-Procurement of Shackle Pins & Bushes, A-38/22-23-Procurement of Piston Assembly & Ring sets, A-39/22-23-Procurement of Brake and Brake parts are cancelled due to technical reasons.

Further any addendum / corrigendum in respect of change in calendar of events, specification, scope, other tender terms and conditions etc, will be uploaded / published through e-portal only.

NOTE:- Interested suppliers need to register in the e-procurement portal. For further information log into **http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in.** In case of further assistance, contact e-procurement cell (Phone.No. 080-22230960, 080–22234115). Interested suppliers may also contact e-procurement cell for training on bid submission. Mail to **eprocurementhelpdesk@gmail.com** for further information if required. In case of bidders need assistance from KSRTC, can communicate at **cosp@ksrtc.org**, (contact: 7760990225,7760990224)

Sd/- CONTROLLER OF STORES & PURCHASES
(Tender Inviting Authority)

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कार्यालय अतिरिक्त मुख्य अभियंता सा.नि.वि. सम्भाग कोटा

क्रमांक : 553 दिनांक : 29.05.2023

संशोधित निविदा सूचना संख्या- 26/2022-23

इस कार्यालय के निविदा सूचना संख्या-26/2022-23 के पत्रांक 4470 दिनांक 24.03.2023, संशोधित पत्र क्रमांक 180 दिनांक 20.04.2023, संशोधित पत्र क्रमांक 223 दिनांक 27.04.2023, संशोधित पत्र क्रमांक 341 दिनांक 04.05.2023 एवं संशोधित पत्र क्रमांक 455 दिनांक 16.05.2023 के द्वारा प्रकाशित निविदा में अपरिहार्य कारणों से निम्न संशोधन किया जाता है।

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1	ऑनलाइन निविदा फार्म मिलने की तारीख **03.04.2023 से 29.05.2023, सायं 6.00 बजे** तक	ऑनलाइन निविदा फार्म मिलने की तारीख **03.04.2023 से 05.06.2023, सायं 6.00 बजे** तक
2	ऑनलाइन निविदा फार्म जमा कराने की तारीख **03.04.2023 से 29.05.2023, सायं 6.00 बजे** तक	ऑनलाइन निविदा फार्म जमा कराने की तारीख **03.04.2023 से 05.06.2023, सायं 6.00 बजे** तक
3	ऑनलाइन तकनीकी निविदा खोलने की तारीख **31.05.2023 अपराह्न 3.00 बजे** तक	ऑनलाइन तकनीकी निविदा खोलने की तारीख **07.06.2023 अपराह्न 3.00 बजे** तक
4	बिड सिक्योरिटी, धरोहर राशि (बोली प्रतिभूति) निर्माण कार्यों हेतु बजट मद 8443–00–108-00-00 (निर्माण विभागों) दस्तावेज मूल्य (निविदा शुल्क) बजट मद 0075-00-800-52-01 RISL शुल्क रू. 1000/- बजट मद 8658-00-102 - (16)– [02] (निर्माण विभाग) ई-ग्रास पर ई-प्रोक्योरमेन्ट प्रक्रिया हेतु एक ही चालान से **दिनांक 29.05.2023 सायं 6.00 बजे तक संबंधित अधिशाषी अभियंता सा.नि.वि. खण्ड** के नाम जमा करवाई जानी है एवं **निविदा शुल्क, धरोहर राशि, RISL शुल्क एक ही चालान से तथा (Certificate of correctness of bid documents)** शपथ पत्र रू. 1000/- तथा अन्य दस्तावेज तकनीकी बिड के साथ ऑनलाईन प्रस्तुत करना होगा एवं अन्य किसी माध्यम से स्वीकार नहीं होगा।	बिड सिक्योरिटी, धरोहर राशि (बोली प्रतिभूति) निर्माण कार्यों हेतु बजट मद 8443–00–108-00-00 (निर्माण विभागों) दस्तावेज मूल्य (निविदा शुल्क) बजट मद 0075-00-800-52-01 RISL शुल्क रू. 1000/- बजट मद 8658-00-102 - (16)– [02] (निर्माण विभाग) **ई-ग्रास पर** ई-प्रोक्योरमेन्ट प्रक्रिया हेतु एक ही चालान से **दिनांक 05.06.2023 सायं 6.00 बजे तक संबंधित अधिशाषी अभियंता सा.नि.वि. खण्ड** के नाम जमा करवाई जानी है एवं **निविदा शुल्क, धरोहर राशि, RISL शुल्क एक ही चालान से तथा (Certificate of correctness of bid documents)** शपथ पत्र रू. 1000/- तथा अन्य दस्तावेज तकनीकी बिड के साथ ऑनलाईन प्रस्तुत करना होगा एवं अन्य किसी माध्यम से स्वीकार नहीं होगा।

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APPEAL

The MAHASWAMI OF KANCHI ordained this Public Charitable Trust in 1986 for providing financial aid to Archakas who live in poor conditions, upholding our religious and cultural heritage in ancient temples in rural areas. Many of them do not have any means of sustenance and we should deem it our duty to provide them with minimal financial aid to ensure that they continue to perform their important role in the rural communities.

MAHA PERIYAVA had instructed that the Trust should seek donations primarily from individual devotees; and provide financial assistance to these Archakas from the income derived from investing the donations. He had further desired that those with gross income of over Rs. 4,000/- per month could contribute their one month's gross income.

The Trust currently provides a monthly honorarium to 450 poor Archakas, (151 Poojaries, 137 Bhattacharyas and 162 Sivacharyas) spread over rural Tamil Nadu. The Trust also has a Group Life Insurance Policy for the benefit of eligible Archakas.

We earnestly request all the devotees to donate liberally for this noble cause, keeping in mind **MAHA PERIYAVA's** desire. By His Grace and the generous contribution from his devotees, it has been possible to enhance the monthly honorarium progressively to **Rs. 2,500/- (Rupees Two Thousand Five Hundred) per month.** However, with the increasing number of beneficiaries and reduction in the interest rates, it is necessary to enhance the Corpus fund significantly to maintain the current level of financial aid to the poor Archakas.

Online Donations to Corpus Fund can be made through our website: www.kmawt.org.

Also, Crossed Cheque or Demand Draft payable at Chennai drawn in favour of **'KACHCHI MOODOOR ARCHAKAS WELFARE TRUST'** can be sent to the Trust office. Please do mention that the donation is towards **CORPUS FUND** in the covering letter, and do include Donor's Name, PAN number, Address, Cell/Phone Number, and Email-Id (if available).

Please note that Income Tax Section 80G Benefit is available to the Donors.

03.06.2023

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INBRIEF

Pak. to release 200 Indian fishermen, says Zardari

Pakistan will release 200 Indian fishermen and three civilian prisoners as a humanitarian gesture, Foreign Minister Bilawal Bhutto Zardari announced on Friday. In May, Pakistan released 198 Indian fishermen, who were languishing in a prison in Karachi after being arrested for allegedly fishing illegally in the country's waters. They were handed over to India at the Wagah border. "Today, Pakistan is releasing 200 Indian fishermen and 3 civilian prisoners. Earlier, 198 Indian fishermen were repatriated on 12 May 2023," Mr. Zardari said in a tweet. "This is in line with Pakistan's policy of not politicising humanitarian matters. Compassion should take precedence over politics," he added. PTI

Navy Chief meets Saudi cadets undergoing training

In significant expansion of India-Saudi Arabia defence cooperation, the first batch of 60 Royal Saudi Naval Force personnel currently attached with the First Training Squadron ships INS Tir and INS Sujata are in training with the Indian Navy. On June 1, Chief of Naval Staff (CNS) Admiral R. Hari Kumar interacted with the cadets of King Fahd Naval Academy, Saudi Arabia, who are undergoing sea training at Southern Naval Command, Kochi. "The CNS was apprised of the ongoing harbour and afloat training activities including familarisation sea sorties. He was also briefed on the progress made by the trainees," the Navy said in a statement on June 2.

CBI registers ₹6,524-crore loan 'fraud' case against firm

The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) has registered a case against IL&FS Transportation Networks Limited and its then directors for allegedly cheating 19 banks of about ₹6,524 crore as on October 31, 2021. Among those named in the First Information Report (FIR) are the Mumbai-based company's then managing director Karunakaran Ramchand, director Deepak Das Gupta, whole-time director Mukund Gajanan Sapre and then chief financial officer Dilip Lalchand Bhatia. The CBI has conducted searches on the premises of the accused persons in Delhi, Gurugram and Mumbai.

Militant killed in a joint operation in J&K's Rajouri

One unidentified militant was killed in an anti-militancy operation on Friday in Rajouri of the Pir Panjal Valley, which witnessed two major encounters earlier this year and left 10 soldiers dead. An official said the body of a suspected terrorist was recovered at the site where an encounter broke out on the night of June 1-2. The Army has not immediately identified the slain militant. An Army spokesman said an operation in coordination with the Jammu and Kashmir Police was launched following suspicious movement in the forest area of Dassal Gujran. An official said the Army has called off the operation after the recovery of the body of a militant.

Mural in new Parliament shows Ashoka empire: govt.

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

India on Friday downplayed the issue of a mural in the new Parliament building that has triggered some concerns in Nepal and Pakistan.

At a media briefing, External Affairs Ministry spokesperson Arindam Bagchi described the mural as an artwork that depicted the spread of the prehistoric Ashokan Empire.

"The mural in question depicts the spread of the Ashokan Empire and the idea of responsible and people-oriented governance that he (Ashoka) adopted and propagated," Mr. Bagchi said. "That's what the plaque in front of the mural says. I really don't have anything further to add to that. I am not going to comment on statements that other political leaders might have made," he said.

The mural triggered a controversy in Nepal as it is being interpreted as a map of '*Akhand Bharat*' comprising parts of several neighbouring countries.

Some political leaders asked Nepalese Prime Minister Pushpa Kamal Dahal 'Prachanda' to raise the issue with New Delhi.

MEA requests China to facilitate presence of Indian journalists

Only one accredited Indian reporter remains in China; New Delhi flags restrictions faced by journalists in getting access and travelling locally

Suhasini Haidar
Ananth Krishnan
NEW DELHI

India has called on China to "facilitate the continued presence of Indian journalists working and reporting from China" in the wake of Beijing revoking the credentials of three Indian reporters since April.

New Delhi also said that "all foreign journalists, including Chinese journalists have been pursuing journalistic activities in India without any limitations or difficulties in reporting or doing media coverage", a day after Beijing said that the number of its reporters in India was "about to drop to zero".

"The Indian side supports and facilitates foreign journalists in India. At the same time, there should be no deviations from normal journalistic behaviour and activities and activities, or from the provisions governing Journalist visas," Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) spokesperson Arindam Bagchi said on Friday.

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> MEA spokesperson

Mutual expulsions

Meanwhile, the number of Chinese journalists in India has fallen from more than a dozen in early 2020 to only one at present, after New Delhi refused to renew visas for several reporters. The Chinese Foreign Ministry said this week that the visa for the last reporter was yet to be renewed. In response, Beijing has since April revoked the credentials of three of the four Indian correspondents based in the country.

"Indian journalists in China have been operating with certain difficulties, such as not being permitted to hire locals as correspondents or journalists," Mr. Bagchi said.

"As you know, foreign media can and do freely hire local journalists to work for their bureaus in India. In addition, Indian journalists also face several restrictions while getting access and travelling locally. We hope that Chinese authorities facilitate the continued presence of Indian journalists working and reporting from China". Mr. Bagchi said that "the two sides continue to remain in touch regarding this issue".

OTT players seek satellite bandwidth for better streaming

Aroon Deep
NEW DELHI

India currently only uses satellite broadband as 'backhaul' in places like Lakshadweep

In a consultation about satellite spectrum pricing, OTT streaming players pitched for greater use of satellite bandwidth to reach viewers. "Hundreds of millions of Indians rely upon [the media industry] for entertainment, information, education, religious participation and so on," the Asia Video Industry Association (AVIA) said. "Reaching these consumers, now and in the future, requires satellite-based distribution. In this, India is like every other large country on the globe."

AVIA, which represents Netflix, Amazon, Disney+ Hotstar, and other Asian OTT players, was responding to a Telecom Regulatory Authority of India consultation paper. "There is no other country on the globe that actually auctions satellite frequency assignments," AVIA said, echoing the sentiment of other global satellite service operators.

Shared resource

"[U]nlike terrestrial communications, satellite spectrum is a completely shared resource among different satellite operator," AVIA said. "Satellite frequencies are today re-used many, many times at the same geographic location. This re-use is governed by ITU [International Telecommunication Union] international rules... By auctioning and granting exclusive rights to one user, all the current extensive re-use would be gone and the spectrum resources available to India would be greatly reduced compared with today," it added.

AVIA urged the government to encourage satellite broadband systems, which usually rely on a constellation of Internet-connected satellites to deliver Internet access to remote areas. India currently only uses satellite broadband as 'backhaul' in places like Lakshadweep, which is not yet connected terrestrially or with an undersea cable to the Indian mainland's networks.

India remains committed to ensure return of Ariha Shah to her parents, stresses govt.

Suhasini Haidar
NEW DELHI

India on Friday expressed its "dismay" over the treatment of baby Ariha Shah by the German authorities. The toddler was taken away from her Indian parents in Germany by child protection services nearly two years ago. Meanwhile, German sources defended the actions of the German Youth Welfare Office (Jugendamt), that had been given custody of the girl in September 2021 after allegations that the 7-month-old girl had been physically abused, and said the court process in Germany made it unlikely Ms. Shah would be returned "soon".

The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) said it is concerned about the shifting of the child from one foster facility to the other, and the Indian Embassy has repeatedly sought consular access to the child and "cultural immersion" for Ms. Shah at the Indian Cultural Centre in Berlin.

Dhara Shah, Ariha's mother, has appealed to Prime Minister Narendra Modi for help.

"We are dismayed to learn that the child was abruptly shifted away from her current foster parent to a specialised foster care arrangement. The manner in which this shift was carried out is a matter of concern," said MEA spokesperson Arindam Bagchi. "We remain committed to ensuring the return of Ariha Shah to India," he added.

The German Embassy in India has declined to speak about the case, citing privacy concerns. German sources said the authorities had made an effort to search for and identify an Indian family living in Germany to provide foster care to baby Ariha. However, after initially agreeing to take her, the family reportedly refused, given the publicity that the case has generated in India. As a result, they said the authorities had found another family to take care of her.

"With the court process continuing, it is not likely that the baby will return to India in the near future," the sources said.

The MEA was responding to appeals from the child's Mumbai-based parents Dhara and Bhavesh Shah, who met Maharashtra Chief Minister Eknath Shinde, asking for stronger diplomatic action from the government.

New guidelines for deemed universities are 'light but tight', says UGC Chairman

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Higher education institutions that are less than 20 years old will also be eligible to apply

Releasing the new set of regulations for deemed to be universities, Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan said the Centre's plan was to encourage universities to focus on quality and excellence, strengthen the research ecosystem and have a long-term impact in transforming the higher education landscape. The University Grants Commission (Institutions Deemed to be Universities) Regulations, 2023 replaces the UGC (Institutions Deemed to be Universities) Regulations, 2019.

According to the Ministry, the regulations will facilitate creation of many more quality-focused deemed to be universities in an objective and transparent manner. UGC Chairman M. Jagadesh Kumar said the regulations were in tune with the National Education Policy of 2020 and were "light but tight".

"We hope these regulations will encourage many more high-quality higher education institutions to be established in our country in emerging areas to meet the aspirations of our students. Since 'deemed to be universities' wording is part of the UGC Act, 1956, we cannot remove this term at this time. However, it will be removed once the Higher Education Commission of India is established through an act of Parliament," Prof. Kumar said.

Mr. Pradhan complimented the UGC for the timely reform.

Under the 2019 guidelines, the higher education institutions having "existence for not less than 20 years" were eligible for applying for the status. However, the revised guidelines have now replaced it with multi-disciplinarity, NAAC grading, NIRF ranking and NBA grading.

"The eligibility criteria to apply for deemed to be university status is NAAC 'A' grade with at least a 3.01 CGPA for three consecutive cycles or NBA accreditation for two third of eligible programmes for three consecutive cycles or in the top 50 of any specific category of National Institutional Ranking Framework [NIRF] for the last three years continuously or in top 100 of overall NIRF Ranking for last three years continuously," the Ministry said.

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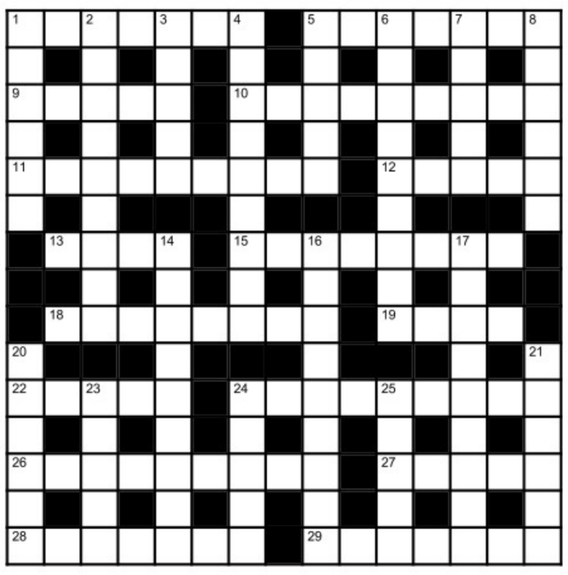

Across

1 Replenishment of money - kept unused (7)
5 In America, child protected from the devil (7)
9 Lake and river insect (5)
10 Rough gain by changing sides within (9)
11 Complaint disposed, see, try in a different way (9)
12 Joint permit, restored partly (5)
13 Rolls back, slight (4)
15 Move to China, orient not fully developed (8)
18 Entire set up has American backing, is greedy (8)
19 Eager to see singer return (4)
22 Sienna - love to come first in task (5)
24 Fool will complain about monsoon, says Spooner (9)
26 Capital is short, allow university side by side (4,5)
27 Inch or centimetre - first count over (5)
28 Back end, horses exposed (7)
29 Girl comes in, go and hide here? (7)

Down

1 On song and trusted (6)
2 They make you throw up at sea, sun's set? (9)
3 Grab what's left, they say (5)
4 Put down face up, like a fish (4,5)
5 South American once preserved (5)
6 Shout from top to bottom, fuss over a soft drink (5,4)
7 Right inside the no.1 port (5)
8 Look to corner railway official to get a seat (6)
14 Taverner gets a signal from this as the boat comes in (9)
16 A cap wearing nobleman is a beast (9)
17 Wine at sea, bad for an islander (9)
20 Bit of reinforcement in wood makes it stiff (6)
21 Photograph's extremely pretty and neat (6)
23 King's old, protected by mob (5)
24 Thread is between lines, close to spindle (5)
25 The bread winner's supposed to bring it home (5)

SUDOKU

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Solution to previous puzzle

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Solution to yesterday's Sudoku

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FAITH

Karmas after surrender

Prapatti or surrender to the Supreme One ensures that we have no future births, said Valayapet Ramachariar in a discourse. But if there are to be no more births, then we must not have any pending karmas, for which we have to face the results. What prapatti does is to get rid of the entire Sanchita Karma. But we are now in a birth, in which we continue to perform karmas. Will these not yield fruits? If they do, then how do we experience these fruits? And how are more births avoided?

The effects of anything that is done unknowingly after prapatti gets wiped out. So bad deeds that we do without being aware that we are doing wrong do not yield any results. But what of those karmas done knowingly? In the case of such karmas, if we regret our actions, then our remorse gets rid of one-fourth of the effects of that bad deed. If we do not repeat that bad deed, then another one-fourth is wiped out. When we begin to attempt atonement for our bad deed, another one-fourth of the effects is nullified. And finally, when we complete the prayaschtitta, the remaining effects go away.

But the Lord is unforgiving when we offend His devotees. In case we hurt or harm His devotees through our words or actions, we cannot go to Him for forgiveness. We must seek forgiveness from the devotee whom we have offended. Post prapatti, we continue to do acts, both good and bad. The effects of our good deeds done post prapatti go to those who are well disposed towards us. The effects of our bad deeds go to those who are inimical towards us. So our karmas, post prapatti do not just vanish. They merely get transferred to others.

ISTANBUL

Istanbul students protest despite ban after Erdogan win in election

Students and academics protested at Turkey's Bogazici University on Friday, defying a ban on the near 900-day strike imposed after President Recip Tayyip Erdogan was re-elected. They turned their backs in front of the Erdogan-appointed rector's office for the 880th day on Friday — a protest that has been on since January 2021. AFP

BELGOROD

Two killed by shelling in Russia border region as hundreds flee

REUTERS

Two civilians were killed on Friday in shelling on Russia's Belgorod region on the border with Ukraine. Two others were severely wounded by the shelling that hit a village in the Shebekino district. Governor Gladkov said 2,500 people were being put up in various temporary centres in the region. AFP

JERUSALEM

Palestinian toddler critically wounded in West Bank firing

AP

A 3-year-old Palestinian boy was in critical condition at an Israeli hospital on Friday morning after being shot by Israeli fire in the occupied West Bank. In a statement, the military said that gunmen opened fire late Thursday toward the West Bank settlement. It said soldiers at a guard post returned fire. AP

KARACHI

Pakistan to engage in barter trade with Afghanistan, Iran and Russia

REUTERS

Pakistan has passed a special order to allow barter trade with Afghanistan, Iran and Russia for certain goods, including petroleum and natural gas, the Ministry of Commerce said on Friday. The order, called the Business-to-Business (B2B) Barter Trade Mechanism 2023 and dated June 1, lists goods that can be bartered. REUTERS

No Ukraine truce without Russian pullback: Blinken

A cease-fire that simply freezes current lines in place is not a just and lasting peace, says the U.S. Secretary of State; Kyiv claims it shot down more than 30 Russian missiles and drones on Friday

Associated Press
KYIV

U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken said on Friday that there can be no cease-fire in the war in Ukraine unless it is part of a "just and lasting" peace deal that includes Russia's military withdrawal.

Mr. Blinken said "a cease-fire that simply freezes current lines in place" and allows Russian President Vladimir Putin "to consolidate control over the territory he has seized, and rest, rearm, and reattack – that is not a just and lasting peace."

Russia must also pay a share of Ukraine's reconstruction and be held accountable for launching its full-scale invasion of its neighbour in February 2022, Mr. Blinken said in a speech during a visit to Finland, which recently joined NATO and shares a long border with Russia.

Peace talks: Antony Blinken (left) with Finnish Foreign Minister Pekka Haavisto during a press conference in Helsinki on Friday. AFP

Allowing Moscow to keep the one-fifth of Ukraine territory it has occupied would send the wrong message to Russia and to "other would-be aggressors around the world," according to Mr. Blinken.

Washington is ready to support peace efforts by other countries, including recent overtures from China and Brazil, he said. But any peace agreement must uphold the principles of sovereignty, territorial integrity and independence.

The U.S. is a leading Western ally and supplier of arms to Kyiv to help it push back against the Kremlin's forces.

In Ukraine, air defences shot down more than 30 Russian cruise missiles and drones on Friday in Moscow's sixth air attack in six days on Kyiv, local officials said.

The Ukrainian capital was simultaneously attacked from different directions by Iranian-made Shahed drones and cruise missiles from the Caspian region, senior Kyiv official Serhii Popko wrote on Telegram.

A recent spate of attacks on the capital has put strain on residents and tested the strength of Ukraine's air defences while Kyiv officials plot what they say is an upcoming counteroffensive to push back the Kremlin's forces 15 months after their full-scale invasion. Kyiv was the target of drone and missile attacks on 17 days last month, including daylight attacks.

Ukraine's presidential office said Friday that at least four civilians were killed and 42 wounded over the previous 24 hours.

Ukraine war: China cites difficulties in holding talks

Agence France-Presse
BEIJING

China's special envoy for Eurasian affairs said on Friday there remained "many difficulties" ahead before Ukraine and Russia can sit down for peace talks on ending the war.

Speaking to journalists in Beijing following a tour of Europe that saw him visit Moscow and Kyiv, Li Hui said he believed "all parties support a political settlement" of the war.

"There are currently many difficulties faced by the various parties in sitting down and engaging in talks," he said. But, he added, those fighting the war are "not without points of consensus".

"The two sides have not fully shut the door on peace talks," Mr. Li insisted.

He also laid blame for the conflict on the West, which has sent arms to Ukraine in a bid to assist it in its fight against the Russian offensive.

U.S. averts first-ever default with 11th-hour debt deal

Agence France-Presse
WASHINGTON

U.S. senators voted to suspend the federal debt limit on Thursday, capping weeks of fraught negotiations to eliminate the threat of a disastrous credit default just four days ahead of the deadline set by the Treasury.

Economists had warned the country could run out of money to pay its bills by Monday – leaving almost no room for delays in enacting the Fiscal Responsibility Act, which extends the government's borrowing authority through 2024 while trimming federal spending.

Hammered out between Democratic President Joe Biden and the Republicans, the measure passed the Senate with a comfortable majority of 63 votes to 36 a day after it had sailed through the House of Representatives.

"No one gets everything they want in a negotiation, but make no mistake: this bipartisan agreement is a big win for our economy and the American people," Mr. Biden said in a statement posted to social media. He said he would sign the bill "as soon as possible" and address the nation Friday.

Chuck Schumer

Democratic Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer added that the nation could "breathe a sigh of relief" after avoiding a "catastrophic"economic collapse.

"But, for all the ups and downs and twists and turns it took to get here, it is so good for this country that both parties have come together at last to avoid default," he said.

The Bill – which now heads to Mr. Biden's desk to be signed into law – ended a day of intense back-and-forth between party leaders and rank-and-file members who had threatened the Bill's quick passage with last-minute gripes about the details.

Democratic leaders had spent months underlining the havoc that a first default in history would have wrought, including the loss of millions of jobs and $15 trillion in household wealth, as well as increased costs for mortgages and other borrowing.

Defense hawks upset at Pentagon spending being capped at Mr. Biden's Budget request of $886 billion threatened at one point to derail the Bill's passage entirely. In the end, they fell in line after being offered a commitment to a separate Bill providing cash for Ukraine's defence against the Russian invasion, and promoting U.S. national security interests in West Asia and in the face of Chinese aggression against Taiwan.

'Leading Pak. lawyer taken by armed men'

Associated Press
KARACHI

A leading Pakistani human rights lawyer in the southern port city of Karachi is missing after more than a dozen armed men snatched him from his car, his family said.

Jibran Nasir's wife said the couple were returning home after dining out on Thursday evening when armed men in two vans intercepted their car. The men took Mr. Nasir away but left her unharmed, said Mansha Pasha.

No one immediately claimed responsibility for Mr. Nasir's abduction and the police said they were investigating.

DeSantis, Trump jab at each other on campaign trail

Associated Press
GRIMES

Former U.S. President Donald Trump kept up a steady drumbeat of criticism of his chief rival Ron DeSantis on Thursday, jumping immediately on remarks by the Florida Governor on the campaign trail to try to highlight his own strength as the leading presidential candidate of Republican Party.

Their campaign appearances displayed an early tableau of the Republican primary that's just getting under way: Mr. Trump hammering Mr. DeSantis and promising to use a return to the White House to quickly undo his successor's work, while the Governor limits his replies and direct critiques, pitching instead to nationalise his aggressive governing style.

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O/o CE (Civil), 201, Rajasthali Mall, Ajmeri Gate, Jaipur-302001
E-TENDER NOTICE: TN-01(RVU2324WSOB00502)
E-tenders are invited for work of **Construction and Erection of Crash Barrier at approach to ROB at T-point STPS, Suratgarh**. Tender details are available on websites http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in (for e-tender), www.energy.rajasthan.gov.in/rvunl & www.sppp.rajasthan.gov.in.
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कार्यालय अधीक्षण अभियंता, सार्वजनिक निर्माण विभाग, वृत्त बून्दी (राज.)
क्रमांक: केशियर/डी-447 दिनांक: 29.05.2023
संशोधित निविदा सूचना संख्या 04/2023-2024
इस कार्यालय के पत्र क्रमांक 212 दिनांक 03.05.2023 द्वारा आमंत्रित निविदा सूचना संख्या 04/2023-24 में ऑन-लाईन निविदा फार्म मिलने एवं जमा कराने की दिनांक 08.05.2023 से 29.05.2023 नियत की गई थी। अपरिहार्य कारणों से पुनः संशोधित कर निविदा ऑन-लाईन फार्म जमा कराने की दिनांक 05.06.2023 नियत की जाती है एवं निविदा दिनांक 06.06.2023 सायं 3:00 बजे कार्यालय अधीक्षण अभियन्ता सानिवि वृत्त बून्दी में खोली जावेगी।
निविदा की शर्तें एवं निविदा प्रपत्र हेतु संबंधित वेब साईट http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in तथा http://sppp.rajasthan.gov.in पर देखी जा सकती है।
NIB Code: PWD2324A0369, UBN is: PWD2324WSOB01633, UBN is: PWD2324WSOB01634, UBN is: PWD2324WSOB01635
DIPR/C/7834/2023 (वी.के. जैन), अधीक्षण अभियंता, सा.नि.वि. वृत बून्दी

GOVERNMENT OF PUDUCHERRY
LOCAL ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT
No:5/LAD/SWM/EE/2023 Puducherry, dt. 02-06-2023
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL
Tender is invited from eligible and experienced firms for "Disposal of Legacy Waste from the UKV Nagar Dumping Site, Yanam through Bioremediation & Bio-Mining with Complete Reclamation in compliance with Solid Waste Management Rules, 2016 on Design, Building, Finance, Own and Operate Model". Tender RFP document is available at **http://pudutenders.gov.in** and can be downloaded from 05/06/2023. Last date for tender submission is 06/07/2023 by 17:00 hrs. Further clarification can be obtained from LAD in the email **id: dirlad.pon@nic.in**
EXECUTIVE ENGINEER (SWM)
No.108/DIP/AD(Press)/2023-24

RAJIV GANDHI UNIVERSITY OF KNOWLEDGE TECHNOLOGIES
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ANDHRA PRADESH, INDIA
ADMISSION NOTIFICATION FOR UNDER GRADUATE PROGRAMS-2023-24 A.Y.
No.1/RGUKT-AP/UG/Admissions/2023-24 Dt:03-06-2023
Online applications are invited from eligible candidates for Admission in to the Six Year Integrated B.Tech Programme in RGUKT AP campuses at Nuzvid, Idupulapaya, Ongole and Srikakulam for the academic year 2023-24. Interested candidates can apply online for admission through AP online center / University website **www.rgukt.in.**
The last date for receiving online applications is **26.06.2023 up to 05:00 P.M.** Candidates need not send hardcopies to the University. **For detailed notification and other details, visit University website www.rgukt.in.**
DIPR 2126PP/CL, Dt.02.06.2023 **Sd/- Convener**

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INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)
Bid Identification No.CCE_R and B_PLB_02 of 2023-24
No. 955 Dated : 30/05/2023

1.	The **Chief Construction Engineer, Phulbani (R&B) Circle, Phulbani** on behalf of the Governor of Odisha invites **percentage rate bid** in double cover system in **ONLINE MODE** for construction of the **Building works** as detailed in the table below from eligible contractors.		
2.	Nature of work	:	**Building Works.**
3.	No. of tenders	:	**Six Nos**
4.	Tender Cost	:	**Rs.10,000/-** (through online) only.
5.	Class of Contractor	:	**A Class**
6.	Date & Time of sale & receipt of Bids	:	**10.00 AM of 19.06.2023 to 5.00 PM of 04.07.2023**
7.	Date of Opening of Bid	:	**11.00 AM of 05.07.2023**
8.	The Bidders shall have to participate in online bidding only. Further details can be seen from the website **https://tendersodisha.gov.in**. Any addendum/Corrigendum / Cancellation of tender can also be seen in the said website. The authority reserves the right to reject any or all bids without assigning any reason.		

Chief Construction Engineer, Phulbani (R&B) Circle, Phulbani.
B-283 : OIPR-34129/11/0002/2324

कार्यालय अतिरिक्त मुख्य अभियंता सा.नि.वि. सम्भाग कोटा
क्रमांक : 551 दिनांक : 29.05.2023
संशोधित निविदा सूचना संख्या- 23/2022-23
इस कार्यालय के निविदा सूचना संख्या- 23/2022-23 के पत्रांक 4380 दिनांक 17.03.2023, संशोधित पत्र क्रमांक 178 दिनांक 20.04.2023, संशोधित पत्र क्रमांक 221 दिनांक 27.04.2023, संशोधित पत्र क्रमांक 339 दिनांक 04.05.2023 एवं संशोधित पत्र क्रमांक 453 दिनांक 16.05.2023 के द्वारा प्रकाशित निविदा में अपरिहार्य कारणों से निम्न संशोधन किया जाता है।

क्र.सं.	पूर्व में	अब यह पढ़ा जावे
1	ऑनलाइन निविदा फार्म मिलने की तारीख **28.03.2023 से 29.05.2023, सायं 6.00 बजे तक**	ऑनलाइन निविदा फार्म मिलने की तारीख **28.03.2023 से 05.06.2023, सायं 6.00 बजे**
2	ऑनलाइन निविदा फार्म जमा कराने की तारीख **28.03.2023 से 29.05.2023, सायं 6.00 बजे तक**	ऑनलाइन निविदा फार्म जमा कराने की तारीख **28.03.2023 से 05.06.2023, सायं 6.00 बजे**
3	ऑनलाइन तकनीकी निविदा खोलने की तारीख **31.05.2023 अपराह्न 3.00 बजे तक**	ऑनलाइन तकनीकी निविदा खोलने की तारीख **07.06.2023 अपराह्न 3.00 बजे तक**
4	बिड सिक्योरिटी, धरोहर राशि (बोली प्रतिभूति) निर्माण कार्यों हेतु बजट मद 8443–00–108-00-00 (निर्माण विभागों) दस्तावेज मूल्य (निविदा शुल्क) बजट मद 0075-00-800-52-01 RISL शुल्क रू. 1000/- बजट मद 8658-00-102 - (16)–[02] (निर्माण विभाग) ई-ग्रास पर ई-प्रोक्योरमेन्ट प्रक्रिया हेतु एक ही चालान से **दिनांक 29.05.2023 सायं 6.00 बजे तक अधिशाषी अभियंता सा.नि.वि. खण्ड अकलेरा** के नाम जमा करवाई जानी है **एवं निविदा शुल्क, धरोहर राशि, RISL शुल्क एक ही चालान से तथा (Certificate of correctness of bid documents)** शपथ पत्र रू. 1000/- तथा अन्य दस्तावेज तकनीकी बिड के साथ ऑनलाईन प्रस्तुत करना होगा एवं अन्य किसी माध्यम से स्वीकार नहीं होगा।	बिड सिक्योरिटी, धरोहर राशि (बोली प्रतिभूति) निर्माण कार्यों हेतु बजट मद 8443–00–108-00-00 (निर्माण विभागों) दस्तावेज मूल्य (निविदा शुल्क) बजट मद 0075-00-800-52-01 RISL शुल्क रू. 1000/- बजट मद 8658-00-102 - (16)–[02] (निर्माण विभाग) ई-ग्रास पर ई-प्रोक्योरमेन्ट प्रक्रिया हेतु एक ही चालान से **दिनांक 05.06.2023 सायं 6.00 बजे तक अधिशाषी अभियंता सा.नि.वि. खण्ड अकलेरा** के नाम जमा करवाई जानी है **एवं निविदा शुल्क, धरोहर राशि, RISL शुल्क एक ही चालान से तथा (Certificate of correctness of bid documents)** शपथ पत्र रू. 1000/- तथा अन्य दस्तावेज तकनीकी बिड के साथ ऑन लाईन प्रस्तुत करना होगा एवं अन्य किसी माध्यम से स्वीकार नहीं होगा।

निविदा की अन्य शर्तें यथावत रहेंगी।
UBN No. PWD2223WLOB18855
DIPR/C/7670/23 (नारायण सिंह मीणा) अतिरिक्त मुख्य अभियंता सा.नि.वि. सम्भाग कोटा

डीआईपीआर/5836 दिनांक: 21.04.2023
डीआईपीआर/7086 दिनांक: 16.05.2023
कार्यालय अतिरिक्त मुख्य अभियन्ता, सार्वजनिक निर्माण विभाग, संभाग, अजमेर
क्रमांकः अमुअ/अज./तक./एफ-2(30ए) निविदा/डी-739 दिनांक: 29.05.2023
NIB No.: PWD2324A0206, UBN No.: PWD2324WLOB00889 to PWD2324WLOB00893
इस कार्यालय के पत्रांक अमुअ/अज/तक/एफ-2(30ए)निविदा/डी-221 दिनांक 20.04.2023 एवं प्रथम संशोधन क्रमांक 553 दिनांक 15.05.2023 द्वारा निविदा सूचना संख्या 03 वर्ष 2023-24 (सड़क निर्माण कार्यों बाबत) के अंकित कार्यों में अपरिहार्य कारणों से निम्नानुसार द्वितीय संशोधन किये जाते हैं:-

संशोधन विवरण	पूर्व में लिखित	अब पढ़ा जावे
निविदा आवेदन/ डाउनलोड करने की तारीख	सोमवार 24 अप्रेल, 2023 प्रातः 9.30 बजे से सोमवार 29 मई, 2023 सायं 6.00 बजे तक	सोमवार 24 अप्रेल, 2023 प्रातः 9.30 बजे से शुक्रवार 02 जून, 2023 सायं 6.00 बजे तक
निविदा जमा कराने की तारीख	सोमवार 24 अप्रेल, 2023 प्रातः 9.30 बजे से सोमवार 29 मई, 2023 सायं 6.00 बजे तक।	सोमवार 24 अप्रेल, 2023 प्रातः 9.30 बजे से शुक्रवार 02 जून, 2023 सायं 6.00 बजे तक।
निविदा खोलने की तारीख	बुधवार 31 मई, 2023 को सायं 5.00 बजे से।	सोमवार 05 जून, 2023 को सायं 5.00 बजे से

शेष वर्णित सूचना एवं शर्तें पूर्वानुसार ही रहेगी।
डीआईपीआर/सी/7710/2023 (विकास दीक्षित), अतिरिक्त मुख्य अभियन्ता, सार्वजनिक निर्माण विभाग, संभाग-अजमेर

DELHI JAL BOARD (GOVT. OF N.C.T. OF DELHI)
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PRESS NIT NO-04 (2023-24) (Re-invited)

S. No.	Name of Work	Amount Put to Tender (Rs.)	EMD (Rs.)	Non-Refundable Tender processing fee (Rs)	Date of Release of Tender/Tender ID	Last date / time of receipt of tender
1	Providing chamber for House Sewer Connection for Swaroop Nagar GOC falling under Coronation Pillar Catchment area in Delhi.	27,69,51,402/-	37,70,000/-	1500/-	31.05.2023/ 2023_DJB_242138_1	20.06.2023 upto 3.00 P.M.

PRESS NIT NO-05 (2023-24)

S. No.	Name of Work	Amount Put to Tender (Rs.)	EMD (Rs.)	Non-Refundable Tender processing fee (Rs)	Date of Release of Tender/Tender ID	Last date / time of receipt of tender
1	Construction chamber of House Sewer Connection for Pradhan Enclave GOC falling under Coronation Pillar Catchment area in Delhi.	7,29,60,760/-	14,59,500/-	1500/-	01.06.2023/ 2023_DJB_242185_1	22.06.2023 upto 3.00 P.M.

Further details in this regard can be seen at **https://govtprocurement.delhi.gov.in.**
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Advt. No. J.S.V. 54(2023-24) EE(C) DR-III

कार्यालय अधीक्षण अभियंता, सार्वजनिक निर्माण विभाग, वृत्त बून्दी (राज.)
क्रमांक: केशियर/डी-444 दिनांक: 29.05.2023
संशोधित निविदा सूचना संख्या 02-2023-24
इस कार्यालय के पत्र क्रमांक 61 दिनांक 13.04.2023 द्वारा आमंत्रित निविदा सूचना संख्या 02/2023-24 में ऑन-लाईन निविदा फार्म मिलने एवं जमा कराने की दिनांक 21.04.2023 से 11.05.2023 नियत की गई थी। जिसमें निम्नानुसार संशोधन किए गऐ:
1. संशोधन पत्रांक 244 दिनांक 05.05.2023 से निविदा खोलने की तिथि 19.05.2023 नियत की गई।
2. संशोधन पत्रांक 354 दिनांक 16.05.2023 से निविदा खोलने की तिथि 31.05.2023 नियत की गई।

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INBRIEF

Tata Motors unveils upgraded Nexon EV sport utility vehicle

Tata Motors has introduced the upgraded Nexon EV MAX XZ+ LUX at a starting price of ₹18.79 lakh (ex-showroom, all India for 3.3 kW AC charger). Enhanced with a superior and high-tech feature upgrade, this top-of-the-line variant of the MAX has a 26.03 cm (10.25 inch) touchscreen infotainment system by Harman, high-resolution, high-definition (HD) display with slick response, Android Auto and Apple Carplay over Wi-Fi and a high-definition, rear-view camera, the firm said.

'Tanishq exchanged 1 lakh kg of gold for over 2-mn clients'

Tanishq, a Titan Company property, on Friday said it exchanged 1 lakh kg of old gold to help more than two million customers upgrade jewellery to newer designs. The jewellery brand had revamped its gold exchange policy to cater to the evolving needs of customers amid volatile prices of the precious metal. This exchange policy would provide an opportunity for customers to upgrade old gold with newer and latest designs offered by Tanishq, the firm said.

Swaraj unveils compact, lightweight tractor range

Mahindra Group's Swaraj Tractors has unveiled 'Swaraj Target,' a compact, lightweight tractor offering performance, unique features and latest technology. The firm will initially debut two models in the 20-30 HP (14.91-22.37kW) category. The Swaraj Target 630 will initially be available through Swaraj's extensive dealer network in Maharashtra and Karnataka at prices starting from ₹5.35 lakh ex-showroom. The Swaraj Target 625 will be introduced in due course.

IRDAI eyes insurance push in rural areas with 'Bima Vahak'

Publishes draft guidelines on the dedicated distribution channel, primarily comprising women, to cater to insurance needs in villages; insurers could tailor plans to meet financial protection needs

The Hindu Bureau
HYDERABAD

IRDAI's plan to improve insurance awareness and penetration in the hinterland is all set to gain momentum with the insurance regulator issuing draft guidelines for Bima Vahak, a dedicated distribution channel to reach out to every Gram Panchayat.

A core component of its 'Insurance for all by 2047' goal, Bima Vahak will be the crucial last-mile connect for insurers in the form of a field force comprising corporate as well individual Bima Vahaks, primarily comprising women, who can gain the trust of locals for the distribution and servicing of insurance products.

However, insurers will remain responsible for ensuring KYC and AML compliance with respect to the policies sourced through the Bima Vahaks, according to the draft guidelines that will be open for comments up to June 22.

"Bima Vahak holds immense promise and will be a powerful force to enhance insurance inclusion. With the Bima Vahaks engaging with the diverse needs in every Gram Panchayat, insurers can adapt their offerings to provide comprehensive coverage and address financial protection needs," said Prashant Tripathy, MD and CEO of Max Life Insurance.

Boosting insurance access

IRDAI's draft norms for the Bima Vahak scheme are aimed at improving last-mile connectivity to raise rural insurance access

- The Bima Vahak scheme is a core component of the IRDAI's 'Insurance for all by 2047' goal
- Under the scheme, Bima Vahaks will gain the trust of locals for the distribution of insurance products
- Insurers will have to implement a board-approved policy in hiring and training Bima Vahaks

SBI Life to take over Sahara insurance unit

The Hindu Bureau
HYDERABAD

The action was warranted to protect the interests of SILIC's policyholders, the regulator said

The Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) has identified SBI Life Insurance Company as the acquirer-insurer of the business of the beleaguered Sahara India Life Insurance Co. (SILIC).

"SBI Life shall take over the policy liabilities of around two lakh policies of SILIC, backed by the policyholders' assets, with immediate effect," the regulator said in its June 2 order.

The action was warranted to protect the interests of SILIC policyholders, it said in the order that chronicles developments over the past six years, including the appointment of an Administrator in 2017 to manage the business, the insurance company being stopped from underwriting new business and subsequently, the decision to transfer the business to another life insurer.

RBI issues draft on cybersafety for PSOs

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

The Reserve Bank of India has released the draft Master Directions on Cyber Resilience and Digital Payment Security Controls for Payment System Operators.

The draft covers governance mechanisms for the management of cybersecurity risks, including information security risks and vulnerabilities, and specifies baseline security measures for ensuring safe and secure digital payment transactions.

The directions have been issued to ensure that the authorised non-bank Payment System Operators (PSOs) are resilient to traditional and emerging information systems and cybersecurity risks.

The RBI has invited feedback from stakeholders by June 30, 2023.

U.S. employers boost hiring, nonfarm payrolls rise by 3.39 lakh

Reuters
WASHINGTON

U.S. job growth accelerated in May, but a jump in the unemployment rate to a seven-month high of 3.7% suggested that labour market conditions were easing, which could give the Federal Reserve cover to forgo an interest rate increase this month.

The increase in the unemployment rate, from a 53-year low of 3.4% in April, reported by the Labor Department on Friday was mostly driven by Blacks. It was also partly due to more people entering the labour force, an increase in supply that is reducing pressure on businesses to raise wages.

Wage growth moderated last month, which should offer some comfort to Fed officials battling to bring inflation back to the U.S. central bank's 2% target. The closely watched employment report offered more evidence that the economy was far from a dreaded recession, despite weakness in the interest-rate sensitive manufacturing sector and the housing market.

"American businesses are still aggressively hiring, likely to meet resilient consumer demand," said Sal Guatieri, a senior economist at BMO Capital Markets.

"However, the other areas of softness... suggests that the labour market is losing steam."

Nonfarm payrolls rose by 3,39,000 last month.

MARKETS

MARKET WATCH

	FRIDAY	% CHANGE
Sensex	62,547	0.19
US Dollar	82.39	0.01
Gold	60,600	0.58
Brent oil	75.90	1.60

NIFTY 50

	PRICE	CHANGE
Adani Enter	2445.05	-47.10
Adani Ports	736.60	4.55
Apollo Hosp	4967.30	153.05
Asian Paints	3237.25	-3.45
Axis Bank	926.10	6.40
Bajaj Auto	4669.10	25.50
Bajaj Finserv	1457.25	7.10
Bajaj Finance	7023.90	-16.60
Bharti Airtel	836.50	8.55
BPCL	360.05	-4.50
Britannia Ind	4654.15	18.90
Cipla	965.85	1.10
Coal India	230.90	0.55
Divis Lab	3511.60	-13.80
Dr Reddys Lab	4610.45	58.40
Eicher Motors	3699.40	-16.65
Grasim Ind	1710.55	8.10
HCL Tech	1137.05	-4.85
HDFC	2645.90	-0.80
HDFC Bank	1606.50	2.50
HDFC Life	576.40	-5.80
Hero MotoCorp	2892.65	92.25
Hindalco	420.75	14.40
Hind Unilever	2716.70	18.80
ICICI Bank	938.15	2.05
IndusInd Bank	1288.20	-1.95
Infosys	1299.00	-20.50
ITC	443.40	3.70
JSW Steel	706.60	12.75
Kotak Bank	1938.75	8.70
L&T	2234.55	26.75
M&M	1341.40	22.50
Maruti Suzuki	9485.35	157.05
NestleIndia	22046.45	172.15
NTPC	174.55	0.15
ONGC	154.70	1.05
PowerGrid Corp	234.60	1.60
Reliance Ind	2455.20	-8.05
SBI Life	1202.50	-5.25
State Bank	587.20	4.45
Sun Pharma	999.60	11.90
TataConsumerProduct	796.05	2.40
Tata Motors	535.90	0.70
Tata Steel	108.00	2.05
TCS	3305.60	-18.40
Tech Mahindra	1123.10	2.30
Titan	2861.65	34.40
UltraTech Cement	7850.65	7.85
UPL	683.35	5.40
Wipro	404.95	-2.20

EXCHANGE RATES

Indicative direct rates in rupees a unit except yen at 4 p.m. on June 02

CURRENCY	TT BUY	TT SELL
US Dollar	82.11	82.43
Euro	88.39	88.74
British Pound	102.85	103.25
Japanese Yen (100)	59.11	59.34
Chinese Yuan	11.62	11.67
Swiss Franc	90.61	90.97
Singapore Dollar	61.06	61.31
Canadian Dollar	61.17	61.43
Malaysian Ringitt	17.93	18.01
Australian Dollar	54.39	54.61

Source:Indian Bank

Netflix, Disney said to mull challenge to tobacco rules

Reuters
NEW DELHI

Streaming giants Netflix, Amazon and Disney on Friday privately discussed a possible legal challenge and other ways to stall India's new tobacco warning rules, amid fears they will need to edit millions of hours of existing web content, sources said.

The rule is the latest headache for streaming majors in India, a top growth market.

The health ministry this week ordered streaming platforms should within three months insert static health warnings during smoking scenes. Also, India wants at least 50 seconds of anti-tobacco disclaimers in each program.

Pharmexcil talks tough over eye drops

The Hindu Bureau
HYDERABAD

Pharmaceutical exporters body Pharmexcil has sought an explanation from Indiana Ophthalmics LLP in the wake of the Sri Lankan Ministry of Health directing the company to recall eye drops as its usage was recently linked to eye infections in some people.

Pharmexcil has set June 3 as deadline for the Gujarat-based firm to furnish details of the licensees and importers to whom the drug was supplied as well as copies of the manufacturing licence.

'Conduct probe'

The small-scale manufacturer was also directed to investigate the reasons for the contamination of the product.

The Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation has already begun a probe.

Failure to provide the information will result in suspension of the company's registration-cum-membership certificate, Pharmexcil Director General Ravi Udaya Bhaskar said.

The Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation (CDSCO) has already started an investigation following the complaint by the Sri Lankan Ministry.

Mining major NMDC logs record output, sales in May

The Hindu Bureau
HYDERABAD

State-owned NMDC's iron-ore output rose 16% YoY in May to 3.71 million tonne (MT), while sales at 3.62 MT was 37% higher.

Both production and sales were the best ever for the month of May since inception. In the first two months of the fiscal, iron-ore production totalled 7.22 MT, a 13.7% rise, while sales of iron ore rose 22% to 7.05 MT, NMDC said.

"India's iron-ore production has been predicted to grow by about 10% in FY24," said CMD Amitava Mukherjee.

"As the largest contributor, NMDC has set the momentum right with record production and sales."

'India needs new skill sets to boost cybersecurity'

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

India will witness a surge in new roles in the cybersecurity space, said a report released by Data Security Council of India on Friday.

The demand for cybersecurity professionals in India has increased 54% over the past year, but the country does not have enough people with the required skill sets, Jean-Philippe Courtois, Executive Vice President, Microsoft said. "To address this, we must have robust programmes and partnerships among various stakeholders," he added.

IndiGo to fly to Baku, Tbilisi, Nairobi in international push

Jagriti Chandra
NEW DELHI

IndiGo on Friday announced flights to destinations in Africa, the Caucasus and Central Asia as part of a push to add direct flights on the underserved international routes.

IndiGo's foray into new regions follows its entry into Europe with direct flights to Istanbul in 2019.

The airline also plans to connect India with North America through Istanbul through its tie-up with Turkish Airlines.

Nairobi in Kenya will be connected with Mumbai, while Tbilisi in Georgia and Baku in Azerbaijan will be connected with Delhi.

These three routes would be introduced between July and August.

In Central Asia, IndiGo will connect Tashkent in Uzbekistan and Almaty in Kazakhstan with Delhi from September.

The new routes would be served with the help of IndiGo's A321neo aircraft. The airline would now have a total of 32 destinations, up from 26, and also add 176 weekly flights.

The airline also said that it would expand connectivity between West Asia and smaller Indian cities over the next few months.

The airline currently has 25% of its capacity deployed on international flights, which would receive a further boost with the latest route additions.

IndiGo's announcement is also expected to help reduce airfares for Indian travellers.

"Travellers will find fares more affordable on these direct flights and the demand for these routes will certainly be good," said Gaurav Patwari, Vice President, Air, Cleartrip.

MAKING MERRY

Pope and Duckett send the Irish bowlers on a leather hunt

Ollie Pope's 205 and Ben Duckett's 182 were the cornerstones of England's imposing 524 for four declared, a lead of 331 runs, against Ireland on the second day of the one-off Test at Lord's on Friday.
The scores: Ireland 172 & 97/3 in 26 overs vs. England 524/4 decl. in 82.4 overs (Crawley 56, Duckett 182, Pope 205, Root 56).

NEW ROLE

Former skipper Hooper joins West Indies coaching team

Former captain Carl Hooper has been appointed assistant to new coach Daren Sammy as West Indies prepares for the World Cup Qualifiers. Cricket West Indies said on Thursday that Hooper and Floyd Reifer were named as assistants to Sammy with former New Zealand all-rounder James Franklin also joining the staff.

FLYING START

Nuggets dominate Heat in the opening game of the NBA Finals

Nikola Jokic finished off another triple-double with 27 points, 10 rebounds and 14 assists and Jamal Murray scored 26 points and dished out 10 assists as the Denver Nuggets made a statement in its first ever NBA Finals game, rolling to a 104-93 victory against the visiting Miami Heat in Denver on Thursday.

WINNING KNOCK

Zadran stars in Afghanistan's six-wicket victory over Sri Lanka

Afghanistan opener Ibrahim Zadran starred with run-a-ball 98 (11x4, 2x6) in his team's six-wicket win against host Sri Lanka in the first of three One-Day Internationals in Hambantota on Friday.
The scores: Sri Lanka 268 in 50 overs (Asalanka 91, Dhananjaya 51) lost to Afghanistan 269/4 in 46.5 overs (Zadran 98, Rahmat 55).

Mertens puts paid to Pegula's aspirations

Sonego battles back from two sets down to oust seventh seed Rublev; Djokovic seals 14th straight fourth round spot with a tense win; Yuki-Saketh combine bows out

FRENCH OPEN

Agence France-Presse
PARIS

Belgian Elise Mertens sent American third seed Jessica Pegula crashing out of the French Open with a comprehensive victory in the last 32 on Friday.

The 28th seed cruised to a 6-1, 6-3 victory on Court Philippe Chatrier to reach the fourth round for the third time.

World No. 3 Pegula, who has two WTA Tour titles to her name, has still not passed the quarterfinal stage of a Grand Slam tournament.

Mertens raced through a one-sided first set before Pegula raised her level in the second. The players traded breaks early on before Mertens struck again for a 4-3 lead.

She then saved three break points to move within one game of victory and quickly closed it out on her first match point.

The former Australian Open semifinalist will next face Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova. The Russian, seeded 24th, beat compatriot Anastasia Potapova 4-6, 6-3, 6-0.

Earlier, Aryna Sabalenka booked her place in the last 16 for the first time with a straight-sets win over Russian Kamilla Rakhimova.

The Belarusian second seed is yet to drop a set in the tournament after a comfortable 6-2, 6-2 win against the World No. 82.

Sabalenka is one of the favourites for the championship after a fine start to the year, including securing her maiden Grand Slam triumph in Melbourne and lifting the Madrid Open title.

Russian Daria Kasatkina, a semifinalist last year, raced into the second week by thrashing American Peyton Stearns 6-0, 6-1 in under an hour.

The ninth seed will next face Elina Svitolina on Sunday for a place in the quarterfinals.

In the men's section, Italian Lorenzo Sonego battled back from two sets down to knock out seventh seed Andrey Rublev and reach the last 16 for the second time.

The World No. 48 was two points from defeat during a fourth-set tiebreak but prevailed 5-7, 0-6, 6-3, 7-6(5), 6-3 after three hours and 42 minutes on Court Suzanne Lenglen. Sonego will face Russian 11th seed Karen Khachanov,who beat Australian Thanasi Kokkinakis 6-4, 6-1, 3-6, 7-6(5).

"Incredible comeback today," said Sonego. "I played more aggressive than in the first and second sets because when he's aggressive it's tough to compete against him. I played with the right attitude and I changed everything."

It was a surprise defeat for Russian Rublev who had reached the last eight on each of his past three Slam appearances and won the Monte Carlo Masters this season.

Later, Novak Djokovic reached the last 16 for a 14th successive year with a tense and often fractious victory over Spain's Alejandro Davidovich Fokina.

Djokovic, chasing a third Roland Garros title and men's record 23rd Grand Slam crown, came through 7-6(4), 7-6(5), 6-2 against the 34th-ranked Spaniard.

However, it was a far from vintage performance from the Serb whose first week in the French capital has been overshadowed by his explosive and controversial comments on the Kosovo crisis.

In men's doubles, Yuki Bhambri and Saketh Myneni made their exit, losing to ninth-seeded pair of Santiago Gonzalez and Edouard Roger-Vasselin. The Mexican-French combine posted a 6-4, 7-5 win in the second round.

Day in numbers

1 **Lorenzo Sonego**, in his 11th attempt, claimed his first career win after losing the first two sets at a Grand Slam event, defeating Andrey Rublev

2 For only the 2nd time in the Open era, there will be no French players (men or women) in the third round at Roland-Garros with 2021 being the other instance

3 For the third straight year, the third seed in women's singles has failed to progress beyond the third round at French Open - Pegula (2023), Badosa (2022), Sabalenka (2021). Pegula lost her third match to Mertens in as many meetings

4 Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova is only the fourth player ranked outside the WTA's top 200 to reach the fourth round at French Open in the Open Era, and the first since Serena Williams in 2018. Conchita Martinez (1988) and Petra Martic (2017) are the other two players in this list

Saturday's picks
Women:
- Rybakina vs Sorribes Tormo
- Swiatek vs Wang
- Gauff vs Andreeva
- Jabeur vs Danilovic

Men:
- Rune vs Olivieri
- Zverev vs Tiafoe
- Ruud vs Zhang
- Fritz vs Cerundolo

Cruise mode: Mertens posted a comprehensive win to enter the fourth round. AP

IMPORTANT RESULTS

Men: Third round: 3-Djokovic (Srb) bt 29-Fokina (Esp) 7-6(4), 7-6(5), 6-2; 11-Khachanov bt Kokkinakis (Aus) 6-4, 6-1, 3-6, 7-6(5); Sonego (Ita) bt 7-Rublev 5-7, 0-6, 6-3, 7-6(5), 6-3.
Second round: 23-Cerundolo (Arg) bt Hanfmann (Ger) 6-3, 6-3, 6-4; 9-Fritz (USA) bt Rinderknech (Fra) 2-6, 6-4, 6-3, 6-4.
22-Zverev (Ger) bt Molcan (Svk) 6-4, 6-2, 6-1.
Doubles: Second round: 9-Gonzalez (Mex) & Roger-Vasselin (Fra) bt Yuki Bhambri & Saketh Myneni (Ind) 6-4, 7-5.
Women: Third round: Pavlyuchenkova bt 24-Potapova 4-6, 6-3, 6-0; 28-Mertens (Bel) bt 3-Pegula (USA) 6-1, 6-3; 9-Kasatkina bt Stearns (USA) 6-0, 6-1; 2-Sabalenka bt Rakhimova 6-2, 6-2.

Harmanpreet scores twice, India thrashes Belgium

FIH PRO LEAGUE

Press Trust of India
LONDON

Captain Harmanpreet Singh struck a brace as India stunned Belgium 5-1 in the European leg of the the FIH Pro League hockey here on Friday.

Vivek Sagar Prasad gave India the lead in the first minute before Harmanpreet (20th, 29th) scored twice from penalty corners. Amit Rohidas (28th) and Dilpreet Singh (59th) completed the tally. William Ghislain (45th) scored the lone goal for Belgium.

Verstappen quickest in both sessions

SPANISH GP

Reuters
BARCELONA

Red Bull's Formula One championship leader Max Verstappen set the pace in both practice sessions for Spanish GP on Friday, with home hero Fernando Alonso clocking the second fastest lap.

The Dutch driver was 0.768s quicker than teammate Sergio Perez in the first session and then 0.170 faster than Aston Martin's Alonso in the afternoon.

Lakshya storms into the last four; Kiran exits

THAILAND OPEN

Press Trust of India
BANGKOK

Lakshya Sen stormed into the men's singles semifinals of Thailand Open Super 500 badminton tournament with a straight game demolition of Malaysia's Leong Jun Hao here on Friday.

The 21-year-old punched the air after unleashing a jump smash which sealed his 21-19, 21-11 win over the qualifier from Malaysia in the quarterfinals to set up a last four meeting with second-seeded Kunlavut Vitidsarn of Thailand.

The win helped him to enter the last four for the first time this season, having come close in Indonesia Masters, where he exited in the quarterfinals.

Kiran George's giant run, however, came to an end after he went down 16-21, 17-21 against Toma Junior Popov of France in another quarterfinals.

Members of 1983 WC-winning team support wrestlers

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

Members of the 1983 World Cup winning cricket team on Friday came out in support of the protesting wrestlers and urged them not to take any hasty decision while hoping that players' issues will be "heard and resolved".

In a joint statement, the team said it was distressed and disturbed after seeing the visuals of wrestlers being manhandled but also hoped that law of the land will prevail.

Distressed

"We are distressed and disturbed at the unseemly visuals of our champion wrestlers being manhandled. We are also most concerned that they are thinking of dumping their hard earned medals into river Ganga," a statement released to *PTI* by the 1983 World Cup wining team read. "We urge them not to take any hasty decision in this matter," the statement read further.

Kapil Dev.
FILE PHOTO: V.V. KRISHNAN

"I am not going to say anything individually, the whole of 1983 team stands by the statement we have issued," Kapil Dev said.

Later, BCCI president Roger Binny said he was not a signatory to the statement.

"Contrary to some media reports, I would like to clarify that I have not issued any statement regarding the current situation of the wrestlers' protest," Binny told *PTI*.

Indian stars would look to cash in on their IPL form in the longest format

WTC FINAL

ANI
LONDON

The Indian Test squad for the World Test Championship (WTC) Final against Australia has hit full practice mode ahead of the marquee clash at the iconic Oval on June 7.

The official Twitter handle of the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) shared a few pictures of the Indian stars Ravindra Jadeja, Ajinkya Rahane, Shubman Gill and Suryakumar Yadav going through their paces before the big encounter.

While the WTC final has been scheduled from June 7 to 11 at the Oval, June 12 has been set as a reserve day in the event of rain.

Several of India's Test stars will mark their return to international cricket after a long break as they were playing in the IPL back home. A few of India's regulars in the red-ball format showcased their talent and skills in the shortest format and will go into the WTC final on the back of some incredible performance in the domestic T20 league.

Vital cog: Kohli was in ominous form in the IPL, which augurs well for India. PTI

Gill, who opens for the country in the longest format, hit a purple patch in the IPL. Gill ended the 2023 campaign with 890 runs in 17 matches, scoring at an average of 59.33 and a strike rate of 157.80 and won the Orange Cap. The opener also smashed three hundreds in the season.

Suryakumar also had a great IPL season, amassing 605 runs in 16 matches at an average of 43.21 and a strike rate of 181.14. He scored one century and five fifties in the just-concluded season of the domestic T20 league.

Rahane, who fell out of favour with the national selectors after an extended lean patch with the willow, struck form in this year's IPL, aggregating 326 runs in 14 matches at an average of 32.60. He also smashed two fifties in the season.

Jadeja, too, shone in all three aspects of the game in this season of the IPL, notching up 190 runs and picking up 20 wickets.

'Ashwin may miss out on a spot in the playing XI'

Press Trust of India
LONDON

Australia is expecting Ravindra Jadeja to feature in India's playing XI in the WTC final, but is not sure about R. Ashwin's participation.

Assistant coach Daniel Vettori said the team management had a lot of discussion about India's probable bowling attack. "I think Jadeja will play because of the batting he brings to the table."

Vettori, however, feels Ashwin might just lose out on a spot in the playing XI because of team combination. He has 18 wickets at 28.11 from seven matches in England but has played just one Test at The Oval.

"Ashwin is an incredible bowler and he will be first choice in most teams, and just with their combinations it may lead to him missing selection," Vettori said. "The Oval is a good wicket, but it can offer a lot to the spinners as the game goes on."

INBRIEF

UEFA charges Mourinho for abusing referee

UEFA began disciplinary proceedings in Lausanne on Friday against AS Roma coach Jose Mourinho for using insulting and abusive language against English referee Anthony Taylor in the Budapest stadium car park after Wednesday's Europa League final against Sevilla. Mourinho was filmed repeatedly calling the referee a "disgrace" after an unusually bad-tempered game, which saw seven Roma players get booked.

Anjum Chopra scholarship for four women cricketers

Four young women cricketers Ishika Kumari, Shraddha Motiparas, Gaurika Yadav and Shubhi Sharma have been given the Anjum Chopra scholarship for training and mentorship from professionals, through Push Sports. "I commend this initiative to encourage girls participating in cricket at the grassroots levels. I hope the talented girls maintain their unwavering commitment to training with the aim of excelling on all larger platforms," said Anjum.

AIFF rejects Kerala Blasters' appeal against ₹4 crore fine

The All India Football Federation (AIFF) on Friday rejected Kerala Blasters FC's appeal against the ₹4 crore fine imposed on it for misconduct and abandonment of its ISL playoff match against Bengaluru FC. The committee also rejected Blasters' head coach Ivan Vukumanovic's appeal against the fine of ₹5 lakh and a 10-game ban imposed on him.

Nagal enters the last four in Troisdorf Challenger

Lucky-loser Sumit Nagal beat Oleksii Krutykh of Ukraine 6-1, 1-6, 6-4 in the quarterfinals of the €73,000 Challenger tennis tournament in Troisdorf, Germany, on Friday.

Other results: €73,000 Challenger, Vicenza, Italy: Doubles (semifinals): Anirudh Chandrasekar & Vijay Sundar Prashanth bt Daniel Dutra da Silva & Matheus De Almeida (Bra) 6-3, 6-1.
$15,000 ITF, Nakhon Sii Thammarat, Thailand: Men: Quarterfinals: Siddharth Vishwakarma bt Jacob Bradshaw (Aus) 6-3, 6-4; Philip Sekulic (Aus) bt Nitin Kumar Sinha 7-6(5), 6-4.
Doubles (semifinals): Shinji Hazawa & Ryotaro Taguchi (Jpn) bt Siddhant Bbanthia & Finn Reynolds (Nzl) 6-4, 6-7(7), [10-3].
Women: Quarterfinals: Vaidehi Chaudhari bt Jia-Jing Lu (Chn) 6-0, 6-4.
$40,000 ITF women, Montemor-O-Novo, Portugal: Quarterfinals: Francisca Jorge (Por) bt Karman Kaur Thandi 7-6(2), 7-6(2).

LIVE TELECAST

BWF Thailand Open: Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & Jio Cinema App, 10.30 a.m.
Roland Garros: Sony Sports Ten 2, 5 (SD & HD) & LIV, 2.30 p.m. onwards.
England vs Ireland: Only Test, day 3, Sony Sports Ten 1 (SD & HD) & LIV, 3.30 p.m.
FIH Pro League: Great Britain vs India, SS Select 2 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 5 p.m.
FA Cup: Final, Sony Sports Ten 2, 3 (SD & HD) & LIV, 7.30 p.m.
Serie A: Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & Jio Cinema App, 10 p.m.

U Mumba snaps up multiple African champion Quadri

The World No. 16 will team up with Mouma and Diya Chitale in Season 4; experienced German Duda to partner Sharath Kamal at Chennai Lions; Puneri Paltan opts for Egypt's Assar

UTT

Amol Karhadkar
MUMBAI

Ready to rock: Manika Batra, Manav Thakkar, A. Sharath Kamal and Diya Chitale during the players draft on Friday. EMMANUAL YOGINI

Aruna Quadri, the World No. 16 and multiple African champion, will team up with veteran Indian female paddler Mouma Das and her promising counterpart Diya Chitale at U Mumba TT while stalwart A. Sharath Kamal will have seasoned German Benedikt Duda as a teammate at Chennai Lions for the fourth edition of Ultimate Table Tennis (UTT), the franchise-based table tennis league that will return after a three-year hiatus.

The team line-ups for the six-team event were finalised during the player draft, conducted here on Friday. Sharath, star paddler Manika Batra, who will be new franchise Bengaluru Smashers' key player, bespectacled Manav Thakkar and Chitale attended the draft in the presence of team managements, Indian coaches of all the six franchises, UTT co-promoter Vita Dani and Table Tennis Federation of India's secretary general Kamlesh Mehta.

With Sharath, G. Sathiyan (Dabang Delhi TTC), Thakkar (U Mumba) and Manika having been retained ahead of the draft, Quadri was expected to be latched on to either by Goa Challengers or Puneri Paltan TTC.

However, with Paltan opting for Egypt's Omar Assar and Challengers picking Thailand girl Suthasini Sawettabut in the first round, Quadri was eventually picked by U Mumba in the third round.

UTT's fourth edition will be played from July 13 to 30 in Pune.

The two males who did not find a taker were Jeet Chandra and Ronit Bhanja. Takeme Sarkar and Moumita Dutta were the two female paddlers who remained unsold.

The squads: U Mumba TT: Manav Thakkar, Lily Zhang (USA), Aruna Quadri (Ngr), Diya Chitale, Mouma Das, Sudhanshu Grover.
Puneri Paltan TTC: Omar Assar (Egy), Manush Shah, Archana Kamath, Snehit SFR, Anusha Kutumbale, Hana Matelova (Cze).
Goa Challengers: Suthasini Sawettabut (Tha), Harmeet Desai, Alvaro Robles (Esp), T. Reeth Rishya, Krittwika Sinha Roy, Anthony Amalraj.
Dabang Delhi TTC: G. Sathiyan, Sreeja Akula, Barbora Balazova (Slv), Ayhika Mukherjee, Anirban Ghosh, Jon Persson (Swe).
Chennai Lions: A. Sharath Kamal, Yangzi Liu (Aus), Benedikt Duda (Ger), Sutirtha Mukherjee, Payas Jain, Prapti Sen.
Bengaluru Smashers: Manika Batra, Kirill Gerassimenko (Kzk), Sanil Shetty, Natalia Bajor (Pol), Poymantee Baisya, Ankur Bhattacharjee.

We deserved to win, but there is a lot of work to do: Uttam

HOCKEY

Uthra Ganesan
NEW DELHI

Uttam Singh.
FILE PHOTO: BISWARANJAN ROUT

Thursday's Junior Asia Cup triumph pushed India's men's hockey team to sole top spot with four titles and coach C.R. Kumar minced no words on how it was one of the motivations for the entire squad.

"We knew both India and Pakistan had three titles each. But Pakistan had won before 2000 and we have in recent times. For us winning has to be a priority all the time, it always adds to the confidence and we wanted to be on top. We are the leaders now and we want to always be leaders," Kumar declared on Friday from Salalah.

Always confident

Both Kumar and captain Uttam Singh reiterated that the team was always confident of playing the final against Pakistan.

"Everyone knows the equation between India and Pakistan. So our games also are always very close and hard fought. I know what the pressure is like – I made my debut against Pakistan in the men's Asia Cup – and tried to keep the team motivated, saying that pressure won't help us win; performance will. For three quarters we were the better team.

"We had sessions preparing for the final against them even before the semifinals. We discussed our pool match (1-1), our shortcomings and their strengths – strong on the right side – learnt from it and worked on it. We scored 50 goals through the competition and conceded only four. We deserved to win," said Uttam.

Pakistan did push hard, and the Indians admitted it was not an easy victory. "We tried to do some things differently, put early goals on the board and dominated. There was definitely pressure in the second half because there are some very skilful players in the Pakistan team but also because of our own mistakes, we gave away possession too quickly and the players also know it. But our strength was our discipline and we achieved the result we wanted," Kumar explained.

Uttam admitted there was a lot to do in the next few months before the Junior World Cup.

"Coach told us at halftime that 2-0 is no lead and we should not get defensive or lose possession. But both teams were tired in tough conditions and mistakes happened.

"At the same time, winning does not mean there is nothing to improve. We try things in practice that do not come off in games, we have to work more till the Junior World Cup".

Disappointing day for Indian wrestlers

Sports Bureau

Greco Roman wrestlers Vikas (72kg) and Sajan (77kg) lost their bronze medal matches at the ranking-series wrestling event at Bishkek on Friday.

Vikas beat Uzbekistan's Donyorkhon Nakibov 6-5 in the quarterfinals before losing 1-3 to Iran's Mohammadreza Geraei. The Indian was pinned by Georgian Otar Abduladze in the bronze medal duel.

Sajan was beaten 8-0 by Mohammadreza's brother Mohammadali Geraei in the round-of-16, but got another chance when Geraei entered the final. Sajan defeated Turkey's Yunus Basar 'by fall' before coming up short 5-7 against China's Rui Liu in the contest for bronze.

Neeraj (67kg) went down in the repechage round while Rohit Dahiya (82kg) exited in the first round.

In the women's section, Sonam Malik (62kg) was ousted 3-5 by Chinese Jia Long in the opening round. Nisha (68kg) lost in the first round while Priya (76kg) did so in the quarterfinals.

Ashwa Magadheera primed to score

BENGALURU: Ashwa Magadheera, who has been well prepared, is expected to score in the Sir M. Visvesvaraya Memorial Trophy (1,600m), the main event of the races to be held here on Saturday (June 3). False rails (width about 7m from 1,600m to the winning post) will be in position.

1 PRINCE KHARTOUM PLATE (DIV. II), (1,400m), rated 20 to 45, 4-y-o & over, 1-30 p.m.: 1. Peridot (6) Likith Appu 60, 2. Ice Storm (1) Tousif 55.5, 3. Klimt (3) Vinod Shinde 55.5, 4. Quick Witted (4) Bhawani S 55.5, 5. The Perfect Choice (8) Sai Kiran 55.5, 6. Aferpi (7) Rajesh K 54.5, 7. The Pirate (5) R. Pradeep 53.5 and 8. Southernaristocrat (2) Jagadeesh 52.5.
1. PERIDOT, 2. SOUTHERNARISTOCRAT, 3. AFERPI

2 GLORIOUS COLOURS PLATE (DIV. II), (1,100m), maiden 3-y-o only, (Terms), 2-00: 1. Commanding Knight (1) Vikrant 56, 2. Nevada Gold (9) P. Tejeshwar 56, 3. Desertdragon (4) Hindu S 54.5, 4. Immortal Beauty (5) Yash 54.5, 5. Isabelle (3) S. Saqlain 54.5, 6. Ruby Red (8) P.S. Chouhan 54.5, 7. Smile Of Beauty (7) T.S. Jodha 54.5, 8. Spirit Of The Rose (2) Akshay K 54.5 and 9. Subha (6) Abhay S 54.5.
1. IMMORTAL BEAUTY, 2. SPIRIT OF THE ROSE, 3. RUBY RED

3 GADAG PLATE (1,600m), rated 20 to 45, 2-30: 1. Sociable (9) B.L. Paswan 60.5, 2. Turkoman (6) Salman Khan 60, 3. Champions Way (5) Yash 59.5, 4. Cat Whiskers (2) Akshay K 58, 5. Crown Witness (1) Vinod Shinde 54.5, 6. King Pompous (8) S. Saqlain 54, 7. Solid Power (7) Trevor 53.5, 8. Air Blast (4) Arvind K 52.5 and 9. Rule Of Law (3) Vishal Bunde 50.
1. CHAMPIONS WAY, 2. SOLID POWER, 3. CAT WHISKERS

4 GLORIOUS COLOURS PLATE (DIV. I), (1,100m), maiden 3-y-o only, (Terms), 3-00: 1. Asagiri (3) Rayan 56, 2. Bleue Dali (6) Vikrant 56, 3. Brave Majesty (1) Bhawani S 56, 4. King's Shield (8) T.S. Jodha 56, 5. Only The Brave (9) Santosh Raj 56, 6. Super Sapphire (7) M. Prabhakaran 56, 7. Crimson Star (5) Vivek 54.5, 8. Miss Maya (4) Abhay S 54.5 and 9. Seeking The Stars (2) Trevor 54.5.
1. SEEKING THE STARS, 2. BLEUE DALI, 3. MISS MAYA

5 MARILINGAIAH MEMORIAL TROPHY (1,200m), rated 40 to 65, 5-y-o & over, 3-30: 1. Kensington Court (8) P. Siddaraju 62, 2. Michigan Melody (7) Inayat 61.5, 3. Etosha (11) Zervan 61, 4. Vijaya Falcon (5) Sai Kiran 59, 5. Mystic Eye (10) Arvind K 56.5, 6. Skyfire (2) P. Surya 56.5, 7. Own Legacy (4) Bhawani S 56, 8. Super Kind (3) P.S. Chouhan 55, 9. Moonshot (1) N.S. Parmar 54.5, 10. Lauterbrunnen (9) Rajesh K 54, 11. Ultimate Striker (6) S. Saqlain 53.5 and 12. General Patton (12) Jagadeesh 52.
1. ETOSHA, 2. KENSINGTON COURT, 3. MICHIGAN MELODY

6 SIR M. VISVESVARAYA MEMORIAL TROPHY (1,600m), rated 60 to 85, 4-00: 1. Kancha (10) A. Imran 60, 2. Moon's Blessing (9) Tadhg O' Shea 60, 3. Rasputin (3) S. Saqlain 60, 4. Shubankar (1) Akshay K 55.5, 5. Ashwa Magadheera (11) Yash 55, 6. Trevalius (2) Trevor 55, 7. Royal Grace (6) Afroz Khan 54, 8. Douglas (7) P.S. Kaviraj 53, 9. High Command (5) P.S. Chouhan 53, 10. Victoria Punch (4) Salman Khan 52.5 and 11. Fortunate Son (8) N.S. Parmar 51.
1. ASHWA MAGADHEERA, 2. MOON'S BLESSING, 3. TREVALIUS

7 PRINCE KHARTOUM PLATE (DIV. I), (1,400m), rated 20 to 45, 4-y-o & over, 4-30: 1. Eridani (3) Jagadeesh 60.5, 2. Impiana (2) Tadhg O' Shea 60, 3. Top Dancer (8) S. Saqlain 60, 4. Emma (6) A. Ramu 59, 5. Mighty Zo (4) Akshay K 59, 6. Chinky Pinky (1) T.S. Jodha 55, 7. Solo Prince (5) Arvind K 54.5 and 8. Burning Arrow (7) Rajesh K 54.
1. TOP DANCER, 2. ERIDANI, 3. MIGHTY ZO
Day's best: **CHAMPIONS WAY**
Double: **ASHWA MAGADHEERA – TOP DANCER**
Jkt: 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7; Tr (i): 2, 3 and 4; (ii): 5, 6 and 7.

Palladino extends contract

Agence France Presse
MILAN

Serie A club Monza's coach Raffaele Palladino has signed a one-year contract extension until the end of next season. He replaced Giovanni Stroppa in September and guided Monza to safety with six games to go.

Samarth and Kaverappa excel as Karnataka crushes Namibia

Sports Bureau

Karnataka whipped Namibia by nine wickets in the first one-day match held at Windhoek (Namibia).

In the first of the five-match tour, fast bowler Vidwath Kaverappa (4/16) and captain R. Samarth (78 n.o., 100b, 8x4) starred for Karnataka.

The visitor chose to field first, and bowled out Namibia for 171. Off-spinner Rishi Bopanna provided able support for Kaverappa, picking up three wickets. Bopanna scalped the crucial wickets of set batters Jan Frylinck (57) and Gerhard Erasmus (31).

Karnataka made light of the chase, reaching the target in 35.5 overs. Samarth and L.R. Chethan (37) put on a 61-run opening stand to place Karnataka on the right track. After Chethan's departure, Nikin Jose (56 n.o., 77b, 2x4) gave Samarth company till the end. Samarth, who also took one wicket, was the 'Player-of-the-match'.

The scores: Namibia 171 in 41.1 overs (Jan Frylinck 57, Gerhard Erasmus 31, Vidwath Kaverappa 4/16, Rishi Bopanna 3/34) lost to Karnataka 172/1 in 35.5 overs (L.R. Chethan 37, R. Samarth 78 n.o., Nikin Jose 56 n.o.).

Samarth with his Player-of-the-match trophy
TWITTER/CRICKETNAMIBIA1

Gukesh outwits Mamedyarov, moves to fourth; Caruana stays ahead

Sports Bureau

D. Gukesh outwitted Shakhriyar Mamedyarov in the Armageddon game to move to the fourth spot after three rounds of the 11th Norway Chess in Stavanger on Thursday.

Playing black, Gukesh drew in the classical time-format in 31 moves in an encounter that witnessed a series of exchanges. In the Armageddon game, Gukesh could have won earlier than he did in 55 moves had he not allowed Mamedyarov some counter-play.

Fabiano Caruana stayed in the lead by stopping last-man Aryan Tari.

Winning moves: Gukesh played with purpose to claim the Armageddon game in round three. NORWAY CHESS

The results (third round): Shakhriyar Mamedyarov (Aze) drew with D. Gukesh.
Fabiano Caruana (USA, 7.5) bt Aryan Tari (Nor, 1); Nodirbek Abdusattorov (Uzb, 4) lost to Alireza Firouzja (Fra, 6); Hikaru Nakamura (USA) drew with Magnus Carlsen (Nor); Wesley So (USA) drew with Anish Giri (Ned).
Armageddon: Mamedyarov (2.5) lost to Gukesh (4.5); Nakamura (5) lost to Carlsen (3); So (3.5) drew with Giri (4).
Standings: 1. Caruana, 2. Firouzja, 3. Nakamura, 4. Gukesh, 5. Giri, 6. Abdusattorov, 7. So, 8. Carlsen, 9. Mamedyarov, 10. Tari.

BENGALURU ROUND-UP

Silicon Cricket Academy triumphs

T. Amruthraj (89) efforts went in vain as Silicon Cricket Academy defeated Max Muller by 59 runs in the final of Tiger Cup U-16 here.
The scores:
Silicon Cricket Academy 215/8 in 30 overs (M. Shivu 72, M.P Shashank 67, K. Gagan Sai 30) bt Max Muller 156/9 in 30 overs (T. Amruthraj 89, K. Gagan Sai 3/15).

Ashco HC gets past Bangalore United HC

Ashco Hockey Club defeated Bangalore United Hockey Club 5-3 in the D.S. Murthy Memorial hockey tournament here.
The results:
Ashco Hockey Club 5 (Hariharan 9, 13, Dhusal Kumar 34, Roshan 37, 38) bt Bangalore United Hockey Club 3 (Vimal 8, Govind 12, Uthappa 29).

Prabhath, Prashanth star as YMMA beats Aryans

Prabhath Tomar and Prashanth Tomar (33 points each) powered YMMA to a 100-91 win against Aryans BC in the quarterfinals of the State 'C' division basketball league.
The results:
Quarterfinals: PPC 45 (Advait 19, Varun 13) bt Mounts BC (Joel 15, Sanjeev 10); YMMA 100 (Prabhath Tomar 33, Prashanth Tomar 33) bt Aryans BC 91 (Sarthak 19, Dhavan 15); DRDO 83 (Piyush 27, Sylvester 19) bt Rajkumar BC 66 (Pranvil 16, Venkat 16); Bangalore Vanguards 69 (Yashas 24, Naveeth 22) bt Yelahanka New Town BC 52 (Sharvesh 15).

MSRIT takes the honours

Nachiketh (43 and 4/39) helped M.S. Ramaiah Institute of Technology defeat R.V. College of Engineering in final of the Sri Chamaraju Memorial Trophy here.
The scores:
M.S. Ramaiah Institute of Technology 149/8 in 30 overs (Nachiketh 43, Sumukh 40) bt R.V. College of Engineering 'A' 128 in 22.5 overs (V. Vishruth 43, Amogh Docca 4/26, Nachiketh 4/39).

Samarth's century highlights Jawahar SC's victory

M.P. Samarth (127) took Jawahar Sports Club (1) past Century Cricketers in the KSCA under-19 inter-club tournament here.
The scores:
Bangalore United Cricket Club (1) 152/8 in 31 overs (D.V.S.S. Nilay Kumar 45, Aaron K. Joseph 38, C. Tarun 5/18) lost to Mount Joy Cricket Club 153/5 in 27.4 overs (Amogh R. Shetty 72, Prahas S. Nairy 31, R. Lohith 3/38).
Jawahar Sports Club (2) 165 in 47.4 overs (Madhava 39, Rudra Singh 34, Kushal Srinivas Gowda 3/23, Samyam Vinay 3/32) lost to Young Lions Club 166/5 in 25.3 overs (S. Vinay Radha 60, Samyam Vinay 26, K. Purna Chandra 26).
Cambridge Cricket Club 220 in 37.2 overs (V. Nabhas 69, Mohammad Ibrahim Rayyan 36, Pratheek 27, Talha Sheriff 27, M.C. Ajith 25, Naman Choudhary 4/45) bt Yankees Cricket Club 195 in 37.3 overs (Zeet Paria 57, Sourish Rao 48, Naman Choudhary 44, Eesa Hakeem Puthige 3/26).
Swastic Union Cricket Club (1) 247/7 in 34 overs (R.V. Rohit 84, S. Gagan Rao 41, S. Abhirath 33, Manavtira 27, Tarun Desai 3/52) bt Social Cricketers 142 in 31.2 overs (Krishiv Bajaj 25, Kaivalya Mishra 4/35).
Visweswarapuram Cricket Club (2) 95 in 34.5 overs (Susheel R. Udupi 5/27) lost to Jupiter Cricket Association 95/5 in 16.1 overs (A. Abhishek 38).
Jawahar Sports Club (1) 261/7 in 45 overs (M.P. Samarth 127, Samit Ramesh 62, Raja Shankar 34) bt Century Cricketers 224/8 in 45 overs (Shivpratap Singh 63, Darun L. Reddy 41, Nikhil Lal 34, Aryan Jain 4/42).
Bangalore Occasionals 206/4 in 34 overs (A. Siddharth 113, Ansh Aima 43) bt The Bangalore Cricketers 202/7 in 34 overs (S. Daivik 56, K.M. Shreyas 50, Pramod Jadhav 46).

Mahindra Racing hopes to get back to scoring points

We were late with the development because of the pandemic and a series of issues. So in Mexico, we took advantage by focusing on the basics and being very conservative: di Grassi

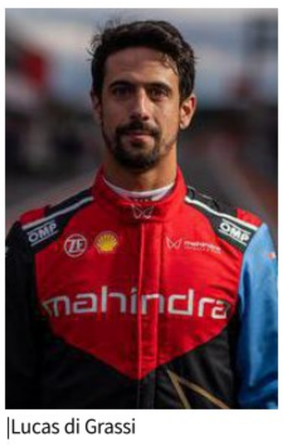
JAKARTA EPRIX

S. Dipak Ragav
JAKARTA

Mahindra Racing started the new Gen3 era of Formula E this year with much promise, with a pole position and a podium in the first round in Mexico City.

However, the result proved to be a mirage as the team has since picked up points only twice and is currently 10th out of 11 teams in the constructors' standings.

The Indian team was behind in development for the new era and is playing catch-up.


Lucas di Grassi

Still, its lead driver Lucas di Grassi sounded optimistic about finishing in the points this weekend ahead of the double-header race here at the Jakarta International e-Prix Circuit.

"Our target is to finish in the points. We have been on the edge of scoring points.

"I have finished every race and often been 11th or 12th. Sometimes because the Safety Car was against us or there were issues like reliability. So scoring points in both races will be a good target," said di Grassi.

Tough start

Regarding the tough start, the former Formula E champion said, "We were late with the development because of the pandemic and a series of issues. So in Mexico, we took advantage by focusing on the basics and being very conservative, which worked well."

Elaborating on the steps taken to improve the team, di Grassi said, "Everybody is pushing, and Fred (Frederic Bertrand), the team principal, is making the changes that need to be made.

"So in the short term, there is a shake-up in the team with new staff coming up, which is good.

"It is easy to give up and say the season is over. I have to say that the number of hours the engineers are working surprises me positively, and we can see that the progression is coming."

Exciting races expected as INMRC opener gets underway today

Rayan Rozario
COIMBATORE

The country's best riders are back on track in the Rolon round of the MRF-MMSC FMSCI Indian National Motorcycle racing championship (INMRC) set to get underway at the Kari Motor Speedway here on Saturday.

For the experienced stars, it's all about scoring their first points of the season.

The less experienced ones will be keen to make a strong first impression and garner some points as well. And, it was quite evident the way all the riders handled the practice and the qualifying sessions on Friday.

The championship opener, which has attracted about 150 entries, will feature a card of 16 races spread over the weekend. It includes the four National Championship categories – Pro-Stock 301-400cc Open and 165cc Open, Novice (Stock 165cc, Under-23) and Girls (Stock 165cc).

Ready to roll: All eyes will be on multiple National champion Rajini Krishnan. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Besides that, there will be the Petronas TVS One-Make Championship (301-400cc Open, Rookie, Women and Media) and the Idemitsu Honda India Talent Cup (NSF 250R). As in the previous season, there will be one support race in the Stock 301-400cc category.

The good news is, the championship is growing in popularity given the number of entries on the rise. And, there are many teenagers too eager to make their mark in the Rookie class in the Petronas TVS One-Make Championship.

All eyes will be on multiple National champion Rajini Krishnan (RACR Castrol Power1 Ultimate). He dominated the 301-400cc Open class with five wins from 10 starts last season. Pacer Yamaha's Mathana Kumar enjoyed a double here en route to annexing the championship in the 165cc Open category.

Exciting races are expected over the weekend though showers have been predicted.

RPPL planning to have at least five street circuits in India by 2025, says Akhil

MOTORSPORTS

V.V. Subrahmanyam
HYDERABAD

"Racing Promotions Private Limited (RPPL) is planning to have at least five street circuits in the country by 2025 as part of efforts to give Indian motorsport the kind of impetus it deserves to replicate global success locally," said Akhil Reddy, chairman and managing director, RPPL.

In an exclusive chat with *The Hindu*, Akhil said RPPL wants to create a holistic ecosystem for motorsports in India.

"I will be the first private individual doing so many street circuits in India," he said. "As part of our endeavour to take the sport to the next level, we have started a National-level karting championship in six cities. The top six from each City will compete in the finals here on June 4.

"The winner will get 100% scholarship for the two-stroke championship in July. We will be supporting by way of free entry, providing a car, a mechanic and if possible, training too," Akhil said. "Later, we will select the top five drivers from the Rotax Racing Championship to have a separate competition amongst themselves.

"Here, the winner will get a free seat in the Formula 4, which otherwise would cost €2.8 lakh. Whoever wins the Formula 4 this year, will get a free seat in Formula 3 which again will be about €3 lakh for a driver to get into a car for a full season."

Cheapest seat

"This year, I am offering international drivers the cheapest seat for F4 drivers. The Indian drivers who want to participate will get an additional 25% discount. We are determined to create a path for youngsters.

"For instance, we will be identifying four Engineering Colleges in each City and one student (mechanical and automobile engineering) will be selected on merit from each college. These four will get internships when the season is underway," Akhil said.

"MP Motorsports is the technical partner and for training in Silverstone, they will be charging £25,000. This we will be providing for free," he said.

"Significantly, we are also trying to ensure a pool of mechanics, identifying four from each City, and making them work with Europeans to master their skills.

"They will get a chance to tour Asia and Europe and I am pretty confident many Indians, who are known for their hard work, will make the cut," Akhil said.

"We are confident of seeing two or three Indians in each Formula race in the next couple of years. The biggest positive of IRL, which was the world's first

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> AKHIL

and only City-teams based racing league for which we have the exclusive rights, is the kind of interest it has generated.

"This is evident by the 20% increase in admissions to the karting centres," he said.

Akhil Reddy, CMD, Racing Promotions Pvt. Ltd. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

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Short-Term e-Tender Notice

Short-Term e-Tender is invited for the second time for appointment through Outsource Agency services of Group-D posts that are vacant in District level office, General Hospital, Community Health Centre, Primary Health Centres coming under the District Health and F. W. Officer, Chitradurga District for the year 2023-24 and for three posts of Nurses for three Extension Units, Three Group-D posts and two Data Entry Operators required for this office and Non-Clinical services to General Hospital Hosadurga, Molakalmuru and eleven Community Health Centres. Tenders can be uploaded in Karnataka Public Procurement Portal from 02.06.2023 to 08.06.2023, up to 5.00 PM. Date of opening technical bid of the tender: 12.06.2023 at 11.00 AM. All of the terms and conditions of the Tender can be obtained from website http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in Further details contact the Office of The District Health and Family Welfare Officer during office hour

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IN THE COURT OF THE CITY CIVIL JUDGE AT BANGALORE
CCH-16 O.S.No. 3971/2022

BETWEEN :

Smt. K.S.Prema Reddy, W/o Sri Gurumurthy Reddy, D/o Late K.B.Siddappa Reddy, Aged about 66 years, Residing at No.3, 8th Cross, Victoria Layout, Bangalore-560047 Represented by her duly constituted attorney Sri T.L.Narasimha Murthy and others ***Plaintiffs***

AND

Smt. Usha and Others, W/o Sri K.N.Srinivasa Reddy, D/o Late Sri K.B.Munireddy, Aged about 59 years, Residing at No.52, Balappa Reddy Road, K.R.Puram, Bangalore-560036 and Others

NOTICE TO DEFENDANTS No. 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 16

6. Smt. Kalabhasini Reddy, W/o Late K.S.Prabhakar Reddy, Aged about 74 years, Residing at No.2, Sivashankari Layout, 2nd Stage, 2nd Main, 29th Cross, Maruthi Nagar, Yelahanka, Bangalore-560084
7. Sri Vishal Prabhakar, S/o Late K.S.Prabhakar Reddy, Aged about 36 years, Residing at No.2, Sivashankari Layout, 2nd Stage, 2nd Main, 29th Cross, Maruthi Nagar, Yelahanka, Bangalore-560084
9. Sri.K.S. Babu Reddy, S/o Late Siddappa Reddy, Aged about 70 years
10. Smt. Smitha. B, D/o Sri K.S. Babu Reddy, Aged about 42 years
11. Sri Sandeep Reddy. B, S/o Sri K.S. Babu Reddy, Aged about 40 years

The Defendants 9-11 are residing at 9th Main, 1st Block, H R B R Layout, Bangalore-560043.

16. **M/s. VISTRA ITCL. (INDIA) LTD,** A Company incorporated under the Companies Act 1956. Having its Registered Office at IL & FS Financial Centre, Plot No. C-22, G-Block, Bandra-Kurla, Bandra East, Mumbai-400051, Represented by its Security Trustee.

Whereas, the Plaintiffs have filed the above Suit for Partition and separate possession of schedule A & B Properties by allotting 1/12th Share to each of the Plaintiffs and Declaring the Sale Deeds dated 19-06-2010, 27-08-2013, 20-07-2021, 24-06-2015 and Mortgage Deed dated 18-05-2022 not binding on the share of the Plaintiffs. Hence you are hereby Summoned to appear in this Court in Person or by a pleader on **22nd day of June 2023** at 11 A.M to answer the same. failing which the case will be disposed of Ex-parte.

SCHEDULE - A PROPERTY

ALL that Piece and Parcel of the converted land bearing Survey No. 61, situated at K.R.Puram Village, K. R.Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk (earlier Bangalore South Taluk) admeasuring 3 acres and 11 guntas along with all easement and other rights appurtenance thereto and thereupon and bounded on the: **East By :** Tank Bund in Survey No. 58, **West By :** Road, **North By :** BBMP Office and Land bearing Survey No.61/1, **South By :** Land bearing Survey No.61/3 and Tank Bund

SCHEDULE - B PROPERTY

ALL that Piece and Parcel of 2 acres and 20 guntas of land in Survey No.20/1 of Chowdenahalli Village, K.R.Puram Hobli Bangalore East Taluk (earlier Bangalore South Taluk) along with all easement and other rights appurtenance thereto and thereupon and bounded on the: **East By** : Land belonging to Sri K.T.Venkatappa, **West By** : Land belonging to Sri K.B.Munireddy, **North By** : Land belonging to Sri K.T. Venkatappa and Dairy Kenchappa, **South By :** Rajakaluve.

Given under my hand and seal of the Court this 22nd day of May 2023.

Advocate for Plaintiff No. 2
P. SUBRAMANYA BHAT
No.43, 2nd Main Road,
R M V Extension, 2nd Stage
Amarjyothi Layout, Bangalore-560094

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Assistant Registrar
City Civil Court
Bangalore.

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Indian Bank, Zonal Office, Bangalore invites sealed offers from owners willing to offer on lease basis office premises, measuring 1400 to 1500 sq.ft Carpet Area preferably in Ground Floor, for their Sadashiva Nagar branch with on-site ATM. For eligibility criteria, application form, and other details, please refer to website **http://www.indianbank.in/tender.php**

Last date: 20.06.2023 **Sd/- ZONAL MANAGER**

PUBLIC NOTICE

My Client, intends to purchase the under-mentioned Schedule Property from Mr. KOTRESH H.R., Aged about 49 years, S/o. Revappa H., Residing at No. 65, Manjunatha Layout, Seegehalli, Virgonagar, Bangalore – 560 049. Any person/s, financial Institution/s, predecessors-in-title, having any claim, right, title or interest over the Schedule property or any part thereof in any manner or against the owner of the schedule property or objecting to the sale in favour of my client should contact the undersigned in writing **within 15 days** (Fifteen Days) of the issuance of this Public Notice with all documentary proof on which they are basing and asserting their rights, after which period my clients shall proceed further to complete the sale transaction and any claim or objection thereafter will not be binding over the Schedule Property.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the Dry Agricultural land measuring 32 (Thirty Two) Guntas Plus 1½ Guntas of Kharab in Survey No. 155/3 of Samethanahalli Village, Anugondanahalli Hobli, Hosakote Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District, with unfettered right of roadway and bounded on the :- East by : Property belonging to Chikkamunishami Reddy, West by: Nirina Kaluve cum Service Road North by : Property belonging to Late Ramarao, S/o. Late Subbarayappa, South by : Property belonging to Thimmarayappa and Sons (Hirannaiah, Honnaiah and Sons).

Place:Bengaluru,
Dated :02.06.2023

Sd/- Sri Vinay Paul T.K.,Advocate,
'U & V Legal', Chambers : No. 86, FF2, 'Gokul Towers', M.S.R. Road, Gokula, Bangalore - 560 054. Cell. 09448058394, Email. vinaypaultk@gmail.com

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UNIVERSITY OF AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES BENGALURU
Estate Office, GKVK, Bengaluru - 560 065.

No. EO/SPO/e-Proc/136/2023-24 **Date: 29.05.2023**

TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through e-procurement portal only)

The University of Agricultural Sciences, Bengaluru has invited Tender in the prescribed form as per the Standard tender document KG-1 & KG-2, from the reputed firms for the procurement of the following Equipment's **Sl No. 1 to 13.** The details of the KG-1 & KG-2, Tender Notification, Schedule, Specifications are available in the website **kppp.karnataka.gov.in** The cost of the Tender document is as per e-procurement portal NORMS. The EMD shall be paid using e-procurement payment modes.

Blank Tender Documents can be downloaded from **kppp.karnataka.gov.in**, Last date and time for uploading the tender on **12.06.2023 up to 4:00 p.m.** The Financial bid will be opened on **14.06.2023 at 10:30 a.m.** in the Tender Committee room of Estate Office. Further details can be had from the office of the undersigned during working hours and also refer UAS Website: **www.uasbangalore.edu.in** Help Desk- 91-8046010000, +91-8068948777. **support@eprochelpdesk.com** The University reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reasons.

DIPR/CP/JA/154/2023-24 **Sd/- Estate Officer.**

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No: E-10808/DSERT/EDST/STDM/1/2023 **Date: 02.06.2023**

TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through GOK e-Procurement Portal only)

Director, Department of State Educational Research and Training, Bengaluru is inviting e-tender from eligible agencies for **E-TENDER FOR ENGAGING TECHNICAL SUPPORT STAFF FOR OPERATIONAL SUPPORT OF STUDIOs AT DSERT.** Last date for submitting e-tender is **16.06.2023 at 5:30 p.m.** For more details please log on to website: https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in. **Sd/-**

DIPR/CP/121/MAA/2023-24 **Director, DSERT, Bengaluru**

BANARAS LOCOMOTIVE WORKS, VARANASI-221004

Bid No.:E-15/2023-24 **E-TENDERS** **Date:01.06.2023**

E-Tenders are invited for & on behalf of the President of India for the supply of following items. Only e-offer will be accepted for which vendor must have Class III Digital Signature and registrations on IREPS. The details of tenders are in the following sequence:- S.No.- Tender no. (Due Date), Description and Quantity. S.N. 1, 10231066A, (04.07.2023), **Developmental Tender for Gear Planetary Ring Part, No. 16141192,** 75 Nos., S.N. 2,10231037A, (05.07.2023), **Developmental Tender for Bearing Spherical Seat Thrust, Part No. 16150442,** 75 Nos., S.N. 3, 10221196A, (06.07.2023), **Developmental Tender for Piston Ring Set, Part No. 16030618,** 480 Set, S.N. 4, 10231044A, (10.07.2023), **Developmental Tender for Valve Temp Control, Part No. 16241228,** 60 Nos., S.N. 5, 10231045, (10.07.2023), **Developmental Tender for Lock-Spring Seat , Part No. 16241629,** 3840 Nos., S.N. 6, 10231036A, (11.07.2023), **Developmental Tender for Bearing, Part No. 16150430,** 90 Nos., S.N. 7, 10231219, (11.07.2023), **Developmental Tender for Spring, Part No. 16160113,** 960 Nos., S.N. 8, 10231035A, (11.07.2023), **Developmental Tender for Bearing Asm, Part No. 16080609,** 75 Nos., S.N. 9, 10231047, (17.07.2023), **Developmental Tender for Carrier Piston Pin, Part No. 16141430,** 480 Nos., S.N. 10, 10221057A, (24.07.2023), **Developmental Tender for Water Pump Repair Kit, Part No. 16070124,** 60 Nos., S.N. 11, 08222596, Advertise Tender, (19.06.2023), **Lock Bolt Kit for Center Pivot (P.L. No. 17660439),** QTY- 372 Set, S.N. 12, 08231107, Advertise Tender, (19.06.2023), **Bolt Kit for Corbody Rod (P.L. No. 17660427),** QTY- 301 Set, S.N. 13, 08231106, Advertise Tender, (22.06.2023), **(1) Lock Bolt Kit for Plate ASM (P.L. No. 17660403),** QTY- 579 Set **(2) Lock Bolt kit for Link Mach (P.L. No. 17660415),** QTY-740 Set, S.N. 14, 08222268, Advertise Tender, (23.06.2023), **Ring Metric Type (P.L. NO. 19340163),** QTY- 1344 Nos., S.N. 15, 08231001, Advertise Tender, (03.07.2023), **Suspension Tube Bearing For WAG-9/ WAP-7 Loco (P.L. No. 29030110),** QTY- 1254 Set, S.N. 16, 08231084, Advertise Tender, (06.07.2023), **Spheribloc (P.L. No. 29100203),** QTY- 8173 Nos., S.N. 17, 08231006, Advertise Tender, (12.07.2023), **(i) Key Multiplier-2 (P.L. No. 29387991),** QTY- 403 Set, **(ii) Key Multiplier-1 (P.L. No. 29388004,** QTY-394 Set, S.N. 18, 08231096, Advertise Tender, (20.07.2023), **T.M. Air Duct ASSLY (P.L. No. 17031904),** QTY- 821 Nos., S.N. 19, 08231048, (DEV)., Advertise Tender, (26.06.2023), **Spheribloc (P.L. No. 29100203),** QTY- 720 Nos., S.N. 20, 05231114A, (19.06.2023), **TNMG 270616 Insert Kit, Part No. 72213620,** 06 Set, S.N. 21, 05231187, (19.06.2023), **CR Steel HR Sheet 4x1250x4000, Part No. 90515158,** 35000 Kg, S.N. 22, 05231188, (19.06.2023), **Mild Steel Sheet 6x1800x5000, Part No. 90401347,** 40 MT, S.N. 23, 05235100, (22.06.2023), **Special Abrasive Rubber Sheet,** 10 Nos., S.N. 24, 05235104, (22.06.2023), **Spare Parts for EOT Crane,** 20 Set, S.N. 25, 05235109, (22.06.2023), **Multi V Opening Die,** 01 Nos., S.N. 26, 05231050A, (23.06.2023), **G.M. Loco Altemator & Engine Alignment Device, Part No. 15630080,** 19 Nos. **Note:**mThe details of above tenders are available in www.blw.indianrailways.gov.in and www.ireps.gov.in.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The General Public are hereby informed that my client/s intend to buy the below mentioned Schedule property from **Sri. SHANTHILAL KANTHILAL JAIN (HUF), S/o Late M. Shanthilal,** and 2. **Smt. SHEETAL KANTHILAL JAIN, W/o. Sri. S. Kanthilal Jain.** If any person/s or Institution, Authority etc., have got any objections or claiming any right, title and interest of what so ever nature on the Schedule Property, are hereby required to communicate the same along with all supporting documents to me at my Office within **(10) TEN days** from this day. Otherwise, the Sale transaction shall be completed without any further reference or regard to any such purported claim or interest, which shall be deemed to have been waived to all intents and purposes.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the **vacant residential Property bearing New Municipal No.29 (Old No.264), situated at 8th Main Road, Lakkasandra Layout, Bengaluru presently within the limits of BBMP, New Ward No. 145 (earlier ward No.62), Hombegowda Nagar, having Khata PID No.62-18-29, measuring East to West:30'-00" Feet and North to South 42'-06" Feet, in all measuring about 1275 Sq.Feet** and bounded on:

East by : Site No. 265
West by : Site No. 263
North by : Road
South by : Site No. 261

Mr. B.T. PRASANNA KUMAR,
B.Sc., L.L.B.,
Smt. ASHA S.M
Advocates
No. 56, 1st Main, 6th Cross, Sudhamanagar, Bangalore-27.
Ph. 92431 18157

IN THE HON'BLE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA AT BENGALURU (ORIGINAL JURISDICTION) IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT, 1956. AND IN THE MATTER AND OF M/S PUSAT ENGINEERS PVT. LTD. COMPANY PETITION No. 257/2015

BETWEEN: M/S CROMPTON GREAVES LTD., Having office at CG House, Dr. Annie Besant Road, Worli, Mumbai-400030, and regional office at, No.3, Dr. MGR Salai, Nugambakkam, Chennai-600034 represented by its Deputy Manager-legal, Sri. Rajesh D.R. **... PETITIONER**

AND: M/S PUSAT ENGINEERS PVT LTD #38/4, Coles Road Cross, Fraser Town, Bengaluru-560005 represented by Its Director Puneet Kochhar **... RESPONDENT**

ADVERTISEMENT OF PETITION

Notice is hereby given that a petition under section 433 (e) & (f) of the Companies Act, 1956 for winding-up of the above-named company by the High Court of Karnataka, Bangalore, was presented on the 29th Day of October 2015 and the said petition be heard before the Court on **21-06-2023.**

Any creditor, contributory, or other person desirous of supporting or opposing the making of an order on the said Petition should send to the Petitioner's Advocate notice of his intention signed by him or his Advocate not less than 5 days before the date fixed for the hearing of the Petition, and appear at the hearing for the purpose in person in by his advocate. A copy of the Petition will be furnished by the undersigned to any creditor or contributory on payment of the prescribed charges for the same. Any Affidavit intended to be used in opposition to the Petition should be filed in the said Court. and a copy served on the Petitioner or his Advocate in not less than 5 days before the fixed date for the hearing.

Given under my hand and seal of this Court on 29-03-2023.

By order of the Court, Assistant Registrar, High Court of Karnataka.

Advocate for Petitioner: **KNS Legal,** No. 11/3-5, 2nd Floor, Palace Loop Road, Vasanth Nagar, Bangalore-560052.

SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY
E-Tender Notice No. 03XEN-CWS-MYSS-Zonal23-24 Dated: 29-05-2023

The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, Invites Tenders for the following work:

Item of work	Approx. Value
Zonal Tender for Execution of Works and Supply of Materials for the period from 01-07-2023 to 30-06-2024 at Ashokapuram Workshop, Mysuru South.	Rs. 2,17,25,000/-

Last date for submission of bids: **Upto 11.00 Hrs. on 23-06-2023**

For details log on: www.ireps.gov.in

Executive Engineer, Carriage Repair Workshop Mysuru South

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SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY
Corrigendum to E-Tender Notice No. CAO/CN/BNC/13/2023 Dated: 18-05-2023

The tender called vide Tender Notice No. CAO/CN/BNC/13/2023 Dated:18-05-2023 due for clossing on **08-06-2023** under Sl. No. 1 below has been cancelled and recalled as under

Item of work	Approx. Value
Gadag-Hotgi Doubling Section: **1**). Construction of RUB in lieu of LC No.50 at Km. 101/806 Mugalolli yard as 1x5.0mx5.150m RCC Segmental boxes. **2).** Construction of RUB as 1x6.00x5.00m SQ(8.967SK) RCC segmental box bridges no.62E(RUB) at km.120.747 duly dismantling the existing 10.932m steel girder between Sitamani & Kudalsangam Rd Stations. **3).** Construction of bridges No.62F at Km.120/947 of span 1x1.80x1.20m RCC box between Sitamani & Kudalsangam Rd Stations. **4).** Construction of bridge No.63C ROB at Km.128.940 of 60.00m Bow string girder duly dismantling the 21.80m clear span RCC T Beam slab at km.128.925 between Almatti and Wandal station. **(Tender Ref. No: HIGA-92R)**	Rs. 26,19,87,203/-

Last date for submission of bids : **Upto 11:00 Hrs. on 17-06-2023**

For details log on: www.ireps.gov.in

Deputy Chief Engineer/Construction/Works Bengaluru Cantonment

PUB/138/AAD/PRB/SWR/2023-24

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PUBLIC NOTICE

I Mr. Jagadeesh Rudraswamymath S/o Late.Dhananjaya Rudraswamymath would like to inform the general public that i have misplaced **Original Document** In Favour of M/s Krishna Enterprises, Name of Document / Article : katha Certificate, Document No. / Identification : BDA - 108/2015/16 registered at Sub Registrar Byatarayanapura Site bearing No.108 Carved out of residentially converted Survey Number 124/2 and 125/2 bearing **Katha Sl No. BDA/RO/N/108/ 2014-15, situated at Byappanahalli Village,** Jala Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore Urban District, in the layout Known as "ROSE BAY" measuring East to West 118.28 Mts and North to South 12.20 Mtrs, in all measuring 223.01 Sq.Mtrs

In case any one finds the document, the same may be returned to the under signed.

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